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Independent's revelation of Qana video tape provokes storm at UN over death of refugees

Israel disputes deliberate killing claim

DAVID USBORNE

Israel yesterday mounted a high stakes campaign at the United Nations to deflect allegations that it intentionally targeted refugees in southern Lebanon last month, amidst indications

that a controversial report on the subject is to be stifled. Over 100 refugees were killed when Israeli shells hit the Qana camp. A UN report says the attack was deliberate, and the UN officer commanding the Qana base yesterday echoed this in an exclusive interview with

The military commander in charge of the Israeli offensive, General Dan Harel, presented senior UN officials with military information, including aerial photographs and detailed maps, to offer contrary evidence to a secret UN report that alleges the shelling of the camp on 18

April was precisely calculated.

Denying that the shelling of
the camp was deliberate, Gen
Harel insisted: "That thing cannot happen in a democratic country like Israel."

The Israeli general was ques-tioned about the presence in the

area of an Israeli pilotless reconnaissance plane, which UN officials say indicates conclusively that the Israeli forces



knew where their shells were falling. Gen Harel said that it had only been dispatched there

But a video tape, the existence of which was revealed by the *Independent* yesterday, showed the aircraft flying in the area before and during the shelling. Lebanon, it emerged, asked for permission several days ago to show the video to

Arab nations were preparing yesterday to demand fresh ac-tion from the UN Security Council on the shelling, and the Secretary-General. Bhoutros Bhonros-Ghali, was expected to brief council members on the findings of the report.

the UN General Assembly.

"It is a very grave matter and I will certainly be speaking up on it," the Egyptian ambassador

to the UN, Nabil El-Arabi, said. "I think it is very important that the Council pronounces itself on this incident in a proper way."

There was intense speculation in New York as to what Mr Bhoutros-Ghali would seek to do with the report when he meets the Security Council. He is believed to have come under pressure from the United States to play down the report's findings and to avoid rekindling diplomatic controversy over the Qana incident.

"I do not think it is in the interests of anybody to have this brought into the light of day," a senior diplomat explained. There were signs that even the

terday. "It is hardly credible. The Qana camp has been there about the benefits of making an issue of the report. Like the US. years," one diplomat said. Arab governments may be ner-While stopping short of an apology for the incident, Gen vous about any new diplomatic furore that could destabilise

tablished in southern Lebanon. The UN's own reputation also stands to be damaged by the report's contents, because of an indication that the Fijian peacekeepers were aware that Hizbollah guerrillas who had been firing rockets into northern Israel had been using the

the ceasefire that has been es-

base itself as a place to hide. Israeli claims of its soldiers having old maps and that the wrong co-ordinates were used in the shelling provoked wideWame Waqaniyayalagi, who is in charge of Fijian battation

headquarters at Quna.

"We know the tyraelis are very good at artillery shooting.

Much of the time when the Harel told journalists yesterday: Israelis have shot in this area we Unfortunately, some of our would loaf around in the eamp. We knew how accurate their shooting was. That's why there was no air of expectancy in the shells went into the Qana headquarters. But it is clear that this absolutely was not deliberate." This was sharply rebutted by camp before the attack."

The colonel was in his command centre when the first Israeli artillery round to bit the UN base - there were 12 in all - landed. "It was chars Everyone was crying . . . Who cannot see this and think of their

How we cried, page 8

Clwyd failed to spot 20 years. of abuse

ROGER DOBSON

Britain's biggest child sex-abuse scandal involving children's homes developed unseen in a climate of mistakes, failings, and confusion, according to the secret report into the scandal, extracts of which are published

r, pendent. The report's damning in-dictment is that all the clues that abuse was going on were there for 20 years, but no one spotted them. A number of agencies, including the Welsh Office, the



police, and professionals, all come in for criticism in the report, which has still not been published by Clwyd County

Council. As well as seeking a judicial inquiry, the report calls for a full and urgent inquiry into the police investigation of complaints of child physical and sexual abuse in Clwyd's residential homes, similar to that carried out by the Police Complaints Authority after the Frank Beck scandal in Leicestershire.

The report also criticises the Welsh Office over a number of issues, including the numbers of homes inspected and for refusing the request of the director of social' services for an inspection of one home where

there had been abuse. The criticism of the Welsh Office social services inspectorate makes it increasingly uncomfortable for William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales, who has to decide what action to take. The inquiry team is insisting on a full judicial inquiry which could go much further in its investigation of the scandal which has been linked to the later deaths of 12 young men. some through suicide.

The report also shows the huge scale of the police inquiry which began in 1991. A letter from the Chief Constable to the independent panel says: "At the time of writing the nominal index contained the details of 4,580 individuals referred to during the investigation. A total of 6,071 specific inquiries were undertaken, 3,755 separate witness statements, 4,611 documents files examined."

The report's authors also urge the setting up of a new national database to track the networking of child sex offenders so that once an arrest is made, all contacts can be traced and checked

Plastic bullet silences squatter's protest in township | Russia catches



seeking to make the plans work

of benefit changes but the un-

derlying strategy of welfare re-form in targeting resources

where they are most needed."

said a Labour source. Putting

people into employment re-

mained at the heart of Labour's

welfare plans, rather than in-

The Tories were preparing to

exploit the issue, sending mail

shots to parents of 16-year-

olds to warn they could lose

their £10 a week benefit under

Labour. Peter Lilley, the Social

Security Secretary, said: "Re-

forming welfare was supposed

to be Labour's big idea. It is

shaping up to be a big disaster."

in the John Smith memorial lec-

ture, Mr Brown said on BBC ra-

dio: "Let's be clear about this

you don't set up a review un-

less you believe that something

is wrong that needs to be sort-

ed out. The status quo is not an

option, when you look at the cri-

sis that is facing young people."

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Robustly defending his plan

creasing benefits.

"This is not about the details

with their detailed review.

A policeroan firing a plastic bullet at a squatter after clashes in Alexandra township near Johannesburg in South Africa. Police moved in after squatters refused to leave the site, which is earmarked for low-cost housing and development. Two people were injured

Photograph: AP/ Nicky de Blois

Brown defiant over cutting child benefit

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

The battle over the future of the Welfare State under Labour was intensified last night as Gordon Brown hit back at his party critics with a warning that "the status quo is not an option" for the review of child benefit.

The Shadow Chancellor issued a clear message that "hard choices" over child benefit for children aged 16-18 would have to be taken, and he appeared to clash with Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, who insisted that its future was still

under review. At the heart of Mr Brown's emarks was an uncompromising message to the party that he and Tony Blair are sticking by the threat to take away child benefit from high earners in order to pay for a guarantee of income to persuade the children of low and middle earners to

stay on at school or college. Mr Brown, in an article in today's Independent, says: "Making sure every young person has a stake in education and employment demands a national crusade for change in which tough choices will have to be

made so that we use our it clear they have no disagree-resources efficiently and ment with Mr Brown, but are

Senior Labour sources made it clear that Mr Blair was backing his Shadow Chancellor, in spite of rumblings from col-leagues who were dismayed at the threat to child benefit for those over 16.

The details of the review have yet to be agreed, but the leadership stamped on reports that the left had secured a victory over their demands for unemployment benefit to be restored from six months to 12 months' entitlement.

Chris Smith, the party's social security spokesman, will to-day confirm the direction being taken by Mr Brown. Mr Smith will say Labour must break down poverty and employment traps, in which people are better off on benefits than in work. "It means facing up to tough choices."

Mr Smith's remarks will be seen as a signal that he is prepared to bow to the Shadow Chancellor's insistence that commitments have to be paid for, Mr Smith and David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, have privately made

Weather experts feel heat

LOUISE JURY

They predicted a miserable Bank Holiday, but the only clouds yesterday were hanging over the weather forecasters. Resorts claimed the mainly

dry and sunny weekend could have been even busier if predictions of a cold spell had not deterred visitors. "It's so infuriating," said Margaret Horler, hotelier and president of the Hotels Asso-

ciation in Weston-super-Mare, Avon. "If television reports say t's going to be a bad weekend. it really does put people off. At the beginning of last week they were predicting all doom and gloom.

People did manage to take advantage of the unexpected sunshine and heavy traffic was reported around Brighton. Torquay, the Peak District and the East Anglian coast.

A spokesman at the London Weather Centre said: "It has perhaps been brighter than we expected. There's been less cloud and the wind basn't picked up as much as we thought. We're not overly unhappy with what we predicted."
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IN BRIEF

Outcry over bugging New legislation being drawn up by the Government to give police a legal right to plant bugging devices could infringe civil liberties, it was claimed

vesterday. Page 3 Pledge on reading

Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education. promised tough new measures to improve reading in schools. Details of her plans, will be announced today to coincide with publication of a report highlighting reading problems in inner city schools. page 5

War crimes trial

Mladen Tadic tells his story well, his phrases polished in inicrview after interview, his sincerity total. He is a walking PR campaign for his brother Dusko, who goes on trial today at the Hague charged with crimes against humanity -specifically the torture and murder of Muslim men held at Omarska a prison camp set up by the Bosnian Serbs in the summer of 1992 to hold the victims of ethnic cleansing.



PHIL REEVES Moscow and COLIN BROWN Relations between Britain and Russia were turned frosty yesterday after Moscow claimed to

British 'spy'

have caught a British agent red-handed, and announced it was to throw out some British diplomats.

the officer in charge of the UN

camp at Qana yesterday, "The Israeli 'margin of error' was too

hig to say this was an error.

There were two Israeli heli-

copters observing the shelling in

this headquarters - they were

observing as shells landed here, said Lieutenant Colonel

According to the FSB - heir to the KGB - Russian intelligence agents arrested an agent for the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) after he was "caught red-handed" trying troller. The FSB said the agent was a Russian national, recruited in the mid-1990s, who worked in a department of the

Russian federal government. He had been handing over classified material of "political and defence-and-strategic importance to British intelligence in return for payments. The Russian news agency Interfax said the alleged spy will be tried for high treason, which carries a possible death penalty.

expel "a number" of British diplomats. Britain immediately threatened Russia with tit-for-

tat expulsions. The Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, briefed John Major on events. The expulsions will alarm senior backbench MPs on the Commons select committee on security, who warned last night of the growing threat of Russ-



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Treasury opposes **business** levy for London

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

The Treasury is resisting a farreaching proposal for a business levy which could provide much needed investment for London Underground and other public transport projects.
The idea for a levy on all but

the smallest businesses, were a majority of companies to vote in favour to pay for urban investment, is already spreading in the US after being success-fully pioneered in Houston, Texas, and has some backing in

The levy proposal - which is backed by the City of London corporation and many of the capital's leading business figures would allow big increases in transport investment without relying on central government grants or increases in council tax. Businesses throughout a given area, for example Greater London, would vote on a levy to be raised as a supplement to the national non-domestic rate. If a majority voted for the levy the minority would have to pay, but there would be an exemption for the smallest businesses, such as corner shops.

A mere ip in the pound added to business rates in London would make up a £100m-a-year shortfall in London Underground's investment, according to two local government experts, Tony Travers and Stephen Glaister, of the London School of Economics.

Differences within Whitehall over the idea are reflected in a new Department of Transport document, A Transport Strategy For London. The document says: "The idea is an interesting one, which would have considerable at-tractions if it could be made to work on a genuinely voluntary basis. However ... the current proposal is a tax and the expenditure which it supported would be public expenditure."

But that reasoning is challenged by supporters of the levy including London First, the private-public body for the cap-

The Treasury has so far taken the orthodox line that since such a levy would have to be paid by the minority of businesses who vote against it, it contains an element of comnulsion and therefore consti-

But that is dismissed by supporters of the levy who point out that housing associations and universities, for example, are allowed to borrow without affecting public spending totals and that the element of choice in the levy make it an essentially private sector project.

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Centre of attention: Naomi Campbell at a press call to mark the official start of building work on the Fashlon Cafe in Coventry Street, near Leicester Square, London. The

Referendum threat by Euro-rebels

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Tory Euro-sceptic rebels yes-terday threatened to force a Commons vote over a referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union, as ministers faced a backlash over the failure to lift the EU ban on British beef.

Eight former whipless Tory MPs will meet tonight to discuss plans for a backbench bill on a referendum to pull Britain out of the EU. They are prepared to ignore appeals for unity after the Tory local election losses and say the referendum on Britain's membership of the EU could prove decisive in the fight-back against Labour before the general election.

Some of its backers believe it could lead to a stampede by Tory backbenchers willing to sign up to the demands for a referendum on Britain's EU membership to stop the threat of a challenge to their seats by Sir James Goldsmith, the internathe Referendum Party.

The proposed bill, to be tabled by Teresa Gorman, the Tory Euro-sceptic MP for Billericay, was given added impetus yesterday by fresh calls from Tory MPs for retaliation against the EU for its refusal to lift the ban on beef exports. Sir

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ban as a "straightforward proand called on John Major to boycott the EU summit in Florence if it was not lifted by the end of June. He also supported Britain withholding its contributions to the EU.

David Nicholson, secretary of the Conservative backbench agriculture committee, called for trade sanctions against Britain's EU partners and a ban on beef imports from the Con-

going to lift the ban," he said on BBC radio. The Euro-sceptics believe a

referendum vote in the Commons will give them a second chance to make a show of strength to the Prime Minister. and the Tory leadership. A Tory backbench bill to reassert the authority of Parliament over the

Michael Spicer denounced the timent. "People are pressing for month, including former cabi-ban as a "straightforward pro-us to get tough with Europe be-net minister John Redwood, tectionist attack" on Britain cause Europe quite clearly isn't and Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor.

The referendum on Britain's EU membership would split the Euro-sceptics. Mr Redwood supports the Government mitment for a referendum on the European single currency, but has drawn the line at withdrawal from Europe. A similar line has been adopted by European Court of Justice won leading Euro-sceptics in the the support of 66 Tory MPs last Cabinet, such as Michael

Howard and Michael Portillo.

demands for Britain to review its membership of the EU were led by Mr Lamont. Others believed to be sympathetic outside the "whipless" eight include Jonathan Aitken, the former Treasury minister. Mrs Gorgian said that a third of the Cabinet would be sympathetic, as would a majority of the 92 Group of Thatcherite Tory MPs, chaired.

be seeking a deal with Sir James for his party not to field candidates against any Tory MPs who support her bill.

The pressure for a referendum on Britain's membership of the EU has intensified after the European ban on British beef exports. The rebels believe it represents the Tories' only chance of overhauling Labour after the disastrous local elec-

Mrs Gorman said: "We are in despair. The Government is not making any headway over beef. If you asked people why they stayed at home last Thursday, the reason they would give is that they have no respect for the Government any more ... they see us being pushed around on beef, by the Euro-

pean Court." But Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, accused the Euro-scentics of misrepresenting the facts about the BSE crisis in order to reopen the question of Britain's EU membership. "The consequences could be that Britain's entire future in Europe could be threatened on the basis of a lie," he said on BBC radio.

"This has been brought about by catastrophically weak leadership at the top. The Government has totally mishandled this whole BSE thing from start to

condemns Rusha The new leader of the Music Parliament of Great Britain renewed its support yesterday for the fatwa on author Salman Rushdie. Confirming the death sentence, Dr Muhammad Gha-

yasuddin said there would be "no joy" for Rushdie, whose book The Sataric Verses is con-

sidered blasphemy by Muslims. Dr Ghayasuddin's stance echoes the hard line taken by his predecessor Dr Kalim Siddiqui. fwo weeks before his death last month Dr Siddiqui, 65, insisted that the fatwa imposed by the Ayatollah Khomeini in 1989 should remain in force.

Dr Ghayasuddin, 57, said: The entire Muslim Parliament is together on this matter. There will be no joy for him. As far as the honour of the prophet of Islam is concerned, this is fun-damental to our belief in God."

The earth moves

An earthquake measuring 2.8 on the Richter scale shook thousands of homes at Burslem, north of Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent in the Potteries. It was also felt in parts of Crewe, Cheshire. The 450am tremor woke thousands of people and set off security alarms. A small tremor, measuring 1.6 and hardly enough to be noticed, was recorded in the area just after 10am on Sunday, and in February last year a tremor registering 25 hit Stoke.

Poison charge

A mother-of-two accused of injecting her diabetic landlord with an overdose of insulin was with an overdose of instain was remanded in custody by Oxford magistrates. Susan Shickle, 35, is charged with administering a noxious substance to endanger the life of Norman Harvey in Banbury, Oxfordshire, last Thursday, Mr Harvey, 69, was found dead the next day. The results of a post mortem examination on the body have not yet been released.

Plea to runaways

Police appealed for two girls missing from a top boarding school to get in touch with their parents or relatives and let them know they are safe. Kirsty Ann Boyd and Alleen McGhie, both aged 15, sneaked out of their dormitory at the £5,000a-year Lomond School in Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, after midnight last Tuesday. "Nothing indicates that they had any problems at home or at school," said Inspector Brian Lennox of Strathclyde Police.

Blaze mother dies

A mother who gave birth after being badly injured in a house blaze has died in hospital. Deb-bie Garbutt, 32, was eight months pregnant when she suf-fered 70% burns in the fire which killed her four-year-old daughter Jade last Monday. Doctors at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, decided to deliver her child by Caesarian section last Thursday The 3lbs 3oz baby girl is stable in Leeds General Infirmary's neo-natal intensive care unit.

Falcons wiped out

Pigeon fanciers have wiped out a city's population of peregrine falcons, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds believes. The last survivor was found dead in its nest at the top of a 160th high BT office in Swansea. The RSPB suspect poisoning in revenge for racing pigeons eaten as prey. Four other pairs of peregines nesting in vansea have been killed.

Milk float tragedy

A five-year-old girl died in freak accident when she was run over by a milk float while sitting next to one of its front wheels Laura Hawkins had been play ing outside her home in Had ston, Northumberland, where she sat on the ground beside the vehicle. Milkman Carl Belisli was serving customers at the back of the float and did not see her when he moved off. A Northumbria Police spokesmar said: "It was a terrible tragedy."

Holy unexpected Morning service at St Martin parish church in Birminghat was interrupted when an SfI iro cross weighing 200lbs topple from its mountings, bounce several times off the roof an plunged 200ft to the ground.

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U set to stand firm on beef ban

European partners to lift the thwarted again today when vetto review the crisis.

Douglas Hogg, the agriculway for an easing of the ban.

of certain beef-related products,

Britain's efforts to persuade its beef ban look certain to be erinary experts meet in Brussels

week, after a meeting of European agriculture ministers in

Luxembourg, that he had persuaded his partners to pave the He raised hopes that other EU countries might agree to at least lift the ban on the export

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sperm and embryos. However, the EU's commit-

tee of vetinary experts, which is in the European beef market. charged with recommending nges to the restrictions, is not ected to make any moves, the European Commission said yesterday. The commission, which chairs the committee, is easing of the ban, knowing that none of the other member states would accept it at this

Other European countries remain determined to keep the ban in force until they are totally satisfied that Britain has taken all the measures possible

particularly gelatine, tallow, beef to eradicate BSE. The British proposals so far are deemed insufficient to restore confidence

> While sales of British beef have begun to rise again in Britain, continental Europeans are still turning away from beef products, wherever they are produced. In Germany, for exnation of beef has fallen by about 70 per cent. Mr Hogg has so far proposed the slaughter of all cat-

tle over 30 months and the slaughter of a further 42,000 cattle believed to be most at risk. However, other Europeans remain concerned about whether toring systems are up to scratch. EU officials say Britain has caused new worry by announcing that it is to accelerate re-search into the possibility that BSE can be inherited by calves. That, and the news that BSE has been found in animals that may have been fed infected bone meal since it was banned, not add up to a very positive picture," said an official. "If infected feed has been used because the ban was not effective then some countries will cer-

tainly take that very seriously." It will be another two weeks before the ban can be discussed again, at an EU agriculture

'God slot' drops fourth cleric

Another senior cleric has been dropped as a presenter of Radio 4's "Thought For The

Day."
The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt
Rev Richard Harries, is the fourth contributor to the Today programme slot in two weeks to be "rested" by the BBC.

The bishop, who joined the "Thought For The Day" team 24 years ago and is the programme's longest-serving pre-senter, said yesterday he was "puzzled" by the decision. He gave his last broadcast in

February and had been booked to take over the slot again in August and December.

"Yes, I too have received a 'Dear John' letter," he said. The letter states that I am

or whether it is a permanent arrangement, I have yet to find "What is clear is that it is clearly meant to make a break.

being rested, but for how long,

I am, however, puzzled as to the reasons for it."

The bishop's departure fol-lows those of Canon Philip Crowe, the former principal of Salisbury Theological College,



tested': Richard Harries

way for new names.

"I use the term 'rested' genuinely; all strands need refreshing from time to time, and there is no reason why old favourites cannot return as oth-

the Ven George Austin, the Archdeacon of York and Dr Leslie Griffiths, the former president of the Methodist

All of them received a letter from David Coomes, the producer of the "Thought For The Day" slot, saying they were being "rested" in order to make

Mr Coomes said in his letter:

£10,000 elderly care bonus

The elderly could be offered a bonus of up to £10,000 under plans to be unveiled today by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, for persuading mil-lions of people to provide for their own long-term care when they are elderly.

The aim of the White Paper is to defuse growing resentment among Tory supporters in "Mid-dle England" - the battleground for the next election - over elderly people being forced to sell their houses to pay for long-

Mr Dorrell is hoping to persuade more people to cover the cost of their long-term care through insurance, annuities or flexible pensions, which could be geared more towards paying the fees of homes for the elderly.

Labour will accuse the Government of "mugging the elderly" with the plans. Sources close to Tony Blair said last night the Labour leader strongly op-posed the scheme and Harriet Harman, the party's health spokeswoman, is planning to attack it as "mugging Middle "Far from protecting the as

sets of those in retirement, it is encouraging elderly people to hand over their nest egg to an insurance company because they need to go into a nursing home," said a Labour source. The schemes will be voluntary, but legislation will be in-

troduced in November to implement after the election. Ministers are also worried about the spiralling cost of long-term care, and the increasing likelihood that more people will be requiring expensive long-term care into the next century. Officials have es-

timated that the numbers over 80 who own their own homes will rise rapidly from 50 per cent to 70 per cent of the population aged over 80 by the year 2013. That will widen the crisis ilies, when parents go into homes for the elderly. It will also seek to answer protests over the

facing many middle-class famfact that people who have not saved, cannot be penalised, but those who have been thrifty are asked to contribute large sums

Far right groups target the Internet

ANDREW BROWN

Increasingly sophisticated far right groups based in America are using the Internet to propagate their views, according to a study by the Institute of Jewish Policy Research. "The far right of the 1990s is

not a group in black shirts," said

Michael Whine, of the Board of

Deputies of British Jews, "Now

it is a national anarchic move-

struction of modern society by the destruction of its vulnerable parts. The global and decentralised

nature of the Internet makes it ideal for the cheap dissemination of unpopular opinions. Neo-nazis and holocaust revisionists have been active on the medium for almost as long as

which has as its aim the de-

most fun and fashionable part of the net, to link people into a white supremacist underground. The web allows moving pictures and sound tracks to be accessed by anyone with a modem. This means that it can be used to sell items such as

books and records. David Capitanchik, of Aberdeen University, who conducted the UPR study, said

racism. "My concern is not for consenting adults in private," he said. "I am concerned about what happens when the Internet goes into schools and othand possibly a legal obligation that what schools allow into their libraries via the Internet should be judged by the same standards as what they buy to

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New legislation being drawn up by the Government to give police a legal right to plant bugging devices could infringe civil lib-erties, it was claimed yesterday.

Liberty, the campaign group, warned that establishing the use of bugging in law could encourage the practice of covert surveillance. The concern comes as it emerged that the Government is preparing a Bill which will allow police to enter suspects' homes and plant surveillance devices.

Senior police officers stepped up demand for new legislation after the Security Services Bill. which becomes law later this year, was passed by Parliament. it will allow MI5, acting under the power of a warrant from the Home Secretary, to legally break into homes, search them, copy documents, plant listening devices and cameras and leave without the owners being aware

they are under surveillance. The Association of Chief Police Officers felt that the police required similar legislation to formalise their position on bug-

Yesterday it emerged that Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, plans to introduce a Bill in November which would give police similar surveillance rights to MI5.

John Wadham, director of Liberty, warned that legalising bugging could encourage police to resort to covert tactics more often. "We are concerned that it will be increased and there will be inadequate controls on the use of such bugs," he said yes-

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Office to look into the matter, a spetem whereby the police had a spetem whereby the police had a spetem whereby the police had they had nothing to hide.
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Yesterday it emerged that before they can plant such devices in the same way they have to apply for a search war-

> A spokesman for Acpo said it was criminals who infringed people's liberty not police.
> "Curtailing people's rights and
> freedoms is what criminals do." he said. "The legislation is not drafted yet, but when it is I think many people's fears will prove to be unfounded." The system would increase the account-

rant to enter premises."

believed to include the requirement for a warrant signed by the Home Secretary or for the approval of two judges.

Under the 1985 Interception of Communications Act, authorisation is currently required from the Home Secretary in order to tap a telephone. Evidence gathered in this way is not, however, admissible as evidence in court. It remains unclear whether evidence gathered

ry out covert break-ins in the past because entering a house without intent to steal or cause damage is not a crime, although they have been open to civil actions for trespass.

Evidence gathered in this way was crucial to the private prosecution brought by the parents of Stephen Lawrence, the black teenager who was stabbed to death. The case later col-

Girl, 5, with a bullet behind her eye

ROS WYNNE-JONES

A five-year-old West African girl who has had a bullet lodged in her skull for over a year is to fly to Britain this week for treatment. Tenneh Cole was shot by rebels in her native Sierra Leone and the bullet has remained behind her right eye, causing a speech impediment. deafness and loss of vision.

Tenneh will be seen on Thursday by consultant surgeons at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. "We are treating this girl as a humanitarian gesture. The X-ray pictures showing the bullet in her head are absolutely startling. They clearly show what a very lucky escape she had," said Richard Drew, administration director of the local health care trust.

The campaign to get Termeh treated in this country was taken up by British charity workers after they heard her remarkable story.

She was found cowering in a derelict farmhouse last year after her parents died in Sierra Leone's civil war. Malomoh Cole and his pregnant wife, who were fleeing from a rebel attack on their home town of Mariama, shared their food and gave





means "God will provide". Days later, the three were caught in the crossfire of

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set up the international charity Hope and Homes for Chil-dren after serving in Bosnia. His pertise to operate on the child. wife said last night: "Tenneh is Luckily, Colonel Mark Cook a symbol of the suffering of so many children."

Surgeons at the Norwich hos-Tenneh's condition. Col. Cook the Belgian airline, will fly her

over with a male nurse. The hospital recently successfully treated two young casualties of the war in Bosnia. Geoffrey Cheney, a plastic surgeon, said: "We will do all we can. The injury she suf-fered is incompatible with life. If the bullet didn't kill her outright, you would have expected infection to have done so."

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Ally Pally debt sends council into 'financial meltdown'

PAUL FIELD

Haringey council in north London may face a debt of nearly £50m from running and redeveloping Alexandra Palace, leaving it with the biggest deficit of any local authority in the country and facing "financial

The council may have to make massive spending cuts to cope with the debt.

The problems began in 1980 when the council became trustee of the site and, through a charitable trust, took over the running of the palace and the 200-acre park from the Greater London Council. The palace -birthplace of BBC Television was devastated by fire in the same year and the rebuilding and running costs paid by the council since have spiralled to £54m.

The Treasury Solicitor, responsible for apportioning the deficit, has told the council the only money that can be guaranteed to be recovered is £4.7m plus interest. Haringey can only recover more money from the trust if it proves it has managed its affairs prudently.

But in a critical eight-page letter to Haringev's chief executive, Gurbux Singh, the Treasury Solicitor accuses Haringey of:

failing to provide evidence to prove expenditure was properly incurred;

taking a risk by proceeding with the restoration of the palace after the 1980 fire: depriving the board, re-



Soaring costs: Birthplace of BBC TV costs Haringey dear

sponsible for the running of the palace, of its decision-making

One councillor said last night: "This spells financial meltdown for the council. It has been going on for so long we should accept the debt in order to work out how best to deal

Haringey was due to choose a developer for the 123-year-old "Ally Pally" next Friday, in an attempt to clear some of the debt and make the site at Muswell Hill commercially viable. The three shorthsted proposals include an underground shopping mall, a multiplex cinema and a futuristic lake".

When the trust begins to make money Haringey would be entitled to reclaim some of its ex-

To add to the council's problem any development needs parliamentary approval and Sir Nicholas Lyall, the Attorney General, has made it clear that the debt liability must be settled

Losses on the exhibition and banqueting business over the years have added to over-spendng on the restoration following the 1980 fire The trust has run massively over budget on coun-

cil money Haringey has maintained that the revenue debt of about £24m from the running costs of the palace and park was the responsibility of the trust. Howver, the Treasury Solicitor says Haringey is entitled to an indemnity in respect of the revenue deficit only from 1991,

amounting to £4.7m, although

the council will also be able to recover the borrowing costs of any expenditure properly

Haringey comes under heaviest criticism on the capital debt from rebuilding the palace. In 1991, a report by Project Management International discovered that development costs exceeded the rebuilding budget approved by the council and accused Haringey of unauthorised expenditure on the

According to the letter, Haringey has suggested the trust should bear half of the capital deficit, which is dismissed by the Treasury Solicitor as "quite

unacceptable" The Treasury Solicitor's letter says the position of the Attorney General is that the sheer size of the overspend. coupled with the criticisms in the PMI report, create a strong prima facie case that the expenditure was not reasonably and properly incurred. The council has so far done nothing

to dispel that inference". However, the letter does stress the importance of a new development at Ally Pally, emphasising the need for the charity to ensure that its running costs are fully and securely pro-vided for. Without this the charity will not be in a position to reimburse the Council for any of the debt.

Both Mr Singh and Toby Harris, leader of the council, were unavailable for comment. | pursuit of tomorrow's front cepts is needed."

Home Office drops support for stalking Bill

The Government yesterday turned down a plea to help in-

troduce new legislation which would make stalking a crime. The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, was asked to ensure that a Private Member's Bill from the Labour MP Janet Anderson goes through unopposed when it comes up for a Second Reading on Friday.

The Labour Home affairs pokesman Jack Straw said: There is a clear need to legislate on stalking.

"The Bill will provide an ideal vehicle to get provision on the Statute Book before the summer recess. Further delay will only mean further misery for thousands of people."

But the Home Office minister David MacLean said although the Government shared the concerns about stalkers, he had reservations about the Bill. "I fully understand and sympathise with what Janet An-

derson is trying to achieve." he said. "I am always prepared to consider any proposals to give people whose lives are being made a misery by the evil actions of others.

"However, the Government has some concerns about the Bill. Its scope could be too wide. It could criminalise legitimate activities.

page story could find themselve falling foul of the laws." He said the Home Office wa

conducting a review to see wha new measures might be intro duced and that existing law deal with the worst cases. He added: "Legislation mu be effective.

A Home Office spokes woman said: "We have a num ber of reservations at this stage We are looking at it but as w understand it, is too wide."

Ms Anderson's Bill has bee drafted following talks with th Lord Chancellor, senior Hom Office officials - at the invita tion of Mr MacLean - the Po lice Federation, the Suz Lamplugh Trust and police

A key factor is the proposal to introduce prohibition or-ders, which would allow magistrates to jail any stalker breaching them.

A spokeswoman for the Suz Lamplugh Trust said it was nonsense to make a comparison with journalists' activities. "Stalking is something which

goes on for months and month and is crystal clear," she said.
"The Government has given help in drafting the Bill through Home Office Civil servants Why has it gone so horribly

"These reservations could "For example, journalists be an unnecessary delay to door-stepping a politician in hot something which everyone ac-

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Leeds steals 'capital of car crime' title

JAMES CUSICK

Leeds is the car crime capital of Britain. The unwelcome label for the Yorkshire city, where owners have a 5.5 per cent chance of finding an empty space where their car used to be, has been awarded in a survey by the insurance company, Eagle

London, which when mentioned in any telephone insurance quotation still receives an 1.5 million motor policy hold-

up your premium, sir, is apparently far from top of the theft league. Residents of Birmingham, Newcastle upon Tune, Manchester and Glasgow all have a higher chance of having their car driven off without consent, than do the residents of the capital city.

According to the Eagle Star survey, the first to rank cities by theft and car crime, is based to on claims from the company's almost instant "Oh. that will put ers. The survey puts the national

average at 3 per cent. Recent government figures state that a car crime in now recorded every 21 seconds.

However, in Leeds the national average would seem to be a dream figure for the one in 20 motorists who had their cars stolen or broken into last year. In Birmingham it was 5.1 per cent and Newcastle was next riskiest at 5 per cent. The low-

est English figure was South-

Motorists in Aberdeen might

be wortied about ice or snow on ing success. We believe more the road, but they can worry far less about car theft. Fewer than one in a hundred Aberdonian motorists had their cars stolen in 1995. The Eagle Star figure for the granite city is 0.8 per

Ian Johnston, divisional director of Eagle Star said: "Social and economic differences between cities can account for some of the contrasts in crime ampton with a 1.2 per cent level. rates. But efforts to crack down on thieves have also had vary-

must be done, especially in the worst affected cities, to curb the problem and we are right be-hind the Government's new campaign to improve crime prevention.

The Eagle Star survey comes as the Home Office attempt to improve car crime statistics by relaunching its Crack Car Crime campaign which although regarded as initially successful, is thought to have

Hire cars at lower prices.

Four ways to tackle the skills shortage

What do you do with teenagers who have no qualifications? Thirty-three per cent of teenagers drop out of full-time education at 16. By age 18, 60 per cent have gone. Yet those who leave without qualifications are far more likely to be unemployed and low paid later on. So what are the new options to encourage them to stay on? And where will the Government this one, or a Labour one - find

1) Carry on with the current system and hope numbers staying on continue to grow

The number of 16-year-olds staying on in education has risen substantially in the last decade. One option is to hope that the current trend carries on.

The problem is that the pace of change is slow, and we risk creating a lost generation of unskilled - and unemployable young people. Furthermore. the existing system may be noither the most efficient, nor the fairest use of the money.

The total cost of educating 16- to 18-year-olds at the moment is about £4bn including £2.5bn on education fees. £700m on child benefit, £700m on youth training and less than £100m on additional maintenance awards.

Teenagers have little shortterm financial incentive to stay on. Their mothers continue to figure is. Switching the benefit

Analysis

get £10.80 a week in child benefit if they stay in education. compared with around £30 if they join a Youth Training programme (the successor to the controversial YTS).

At the same time, the bulk of taxpayers' money is supporting those who will not only earn most later on in life, but whose families are earning most today. Fees for schools and colleges are £3,500 per child compared with only £1,700 on average for teenagers who engage in work-place training. Middle-class families absorb most of the

subsidies. Three-quarters of the 17-year-old sons and daughters of professionals are in fulltime education, compared with one in three children of unskilled manual workers.

Encourage teenagers to stay on in education with financial incena) Universal Benefits: A

hand-out for every 16- to 18year-old who stays on in education or training, whether it be full-time or part-time. It would give teenagers a cash incentive. and would not stigmatise the

could be done at no extra cost. Problems: Could be a massive waste of money. The taxpayer could be needlessly

subsidising hundreds of thousands of children who would stay on anyway. b) Means tested benefits: Instead of shelling out the cash for everyone, government could target the people for whom it

give them a hefty sum rather than just £10 a week. Cost: Depends how many people you intend to help. Gor-don Brown, the shadow Chan-cellor, has suggested using some of the £700m currently spent on 16- to 18-year-olds' child ben-

efit for this purpose.

Problems: Means-tested grants can stigmatise. No one knows whether withdrawing that £10 a week from low- and middle-income families might put their children off staying in education, especially when the alternative means filling in complicated forms. This is why the Child Poverty Action Group is concerned about Mr Brown's

3) Give 16- to 18-year-olds more and better education

a) Make some form of education and training compulso-Cost: Depends how high the ry. Touted by the LSE gure is. Switching the benefit economist Richard Layard, and

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employers would be obliged to under 18 received a certain amount of recognised training towards national qualifications preferably on day-release to further education colleges.

Cost: Someone would have to pay for the day-release at college. Another use for Mr Brown's savings from child benefit? Alternatively cash could really makes a difference, and come from forcing students to pay towards the cost of their higher education.

b) improve vocational training options. Part of the problem for teenagers who lack academic abilities is that there is little else worthwhile for them to do. Sir Ron Dearing and David Blunkett have both advocated making vocational education more attractive. But this too would cost money.

4) Persuade kids that school

The reason many children drop out at sixteen is because they hate school. The damage has been done long before they reach 16. Targetting discouraged children much earlier could be a far more effective way to improve their qualifications and staying-on rate than any combination of cash and training



The only jobs are Tesco's not what people want'

Gordon Brown's plans to cut child benefit for 16- to 18-yearolds who stay on in education won't make any difference to Debbie Brooke. Taking their GCSEs this summer at Cran-ford Community School, a comprehensive in west London, Debbie and her friend Shanel I yous are the kind of teenagers that the Labour Party wants to persuade to stay on in education

and pick up new qualifications. "Money's a big problem. Mum and dad are a bit strapped for cash," said Debbie. Her three elder sisters all left school at 16 to get jobs, two of them now work at nearby Heathrow airport. Debbie's parents think she should get a job too, and although she hasn't yet made up her mind, the chances are Debbie will stay in education: "I want to prove something to my

mum and dad." Debbie claims cash makes no difference to her plans to stay on. But it may stop her pursuLabour's extra £10 won't sway school leavers, reports **Yvette Cooper**

ing exactly the career she wants - as a veterinary nurse. A college in Berkshire which runs the pre-veterinary science course she wants to take is too far away, and her parents couldn't afford to keep her there. Either way that £10 a week in child benefit doesn't enter her plans.

Nor does it bother Shanel, to "Going back to school is a drag, sometimes you feel all you want to do is leave, go somewhere new and meet new people." But she is realistic about the job prospects if she has no qualifications at all. "The only jobs are working in Tesco's not how most teenagers want to spend the rest of their lives."

friends will be staying on. Some have left already, and will not be going back to sit their exams. Shanel is convinced that money has made a difference to them: "Some people feel they can't go to college because it will be too expensive." Debbie thinks the £10 child benefit wouldn't affect their decision. but that £30 a week - the kind of cash you could earn on a Youth Training programme -

could have an impact. But they both agree that it would take a lot more than maintenance grants to change whom leaving school appeals: many teenagers' minds. Fed up with school, they are desperate to leave, and as Shanel said, "once they've made up their minds, nothing will persuade them to come back

If Shanel was offered a job tomorrow paying £100 a week, she would snap it up. But £60 a week wouldn't lure her out of education "unless it was something Not all Debbie and Shanel's I really wanted to do".

Detectives question man over fire deaths

Police were last night continuing to question a man in connection with a fire which killed four children. Officers have confirmed that the blaze had

been started deliberately. The bodies of six-year-old Patrick Good, his brother Terry, 12, and their sisters Alison, 10, and Nicola, eight, were found by firefighters in the back bedroom of their home at Sullivan Road, Sholing, Southampton, early on Sunday morning. Post-mortem exami nations showed that all four died from inhaling fumes.

The children's parents Beverley and Melvyn Good and their 14-year-old daughter, Kel-ly, managed to escape, but Kelly suffered serious burns.

Mrs Good was yesterday said to be "devastated" by the tragedy and told relatives that she wished the whole family could have died together. Meanwhile, police declined

to give any details about the

man they have been question-

ing since he was detained on Sunday. Forensic experts also continued to search the burntout building for clues yesterday. Detective Superintendent Peter Neyroud said: "The preliminary indications are that we are dealing with a fire that was

caused deliberately." Exactly how the fire was set and the arsonist's motive were still being examined, but police were investigating the possibility that someone might have had grudge against the family.

Mr Neyroud said police were anxious to talk to anyone who was in the area of Sullivan Road between midnight and 2 am on Sunday and particularly wanted to hear from anyone who may have seen somebody riding or pushing a bike.

Cholesterol tests wasted on 'worried well'

GLENDA COOPER

Cholesterol testing is not being offered to those most at risk of developing heart disease, according to the British Cardiac Society.

Instead it is the "worried well" - the health conscious and educated - who are putting doctors under pressure to give them tests.

A survey carried out in Scotland as part of the Giasgow Monitoring Cardiac Disease Project (Monica) found that three-quarters of patients tested were those considered to be at lowest risk.

The study of 2,000 men and women between 25 and 74 assessed common risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, and evidence of heart disease.

Coronary heart disease is the single most common cause of death in the UK and the industrialised world. A high level of cholesterol in the blood is a significant risk factor for coronary heart disease and people with a high level can be treated with dictary advice and if necessary cholesterol lowering drugs to help reduce their risk of developing CHD. In 1993, 70 per cent of UK adults

had high cholesterol levels. Last year a study by the West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study Trial found that using a cholesterol lowering drug reduced heart attacks by nearly one-third and the risk of death

by 32 per cent. In the Monica study 20 per cent had been tested for cholesterol over the year. But only one in five of this 20 per cent had existing heart disease and only one in 20 had factors placing them at high risk of devel-

oping CHD. "It's the people at high risk we want to target," said Dr Caroline Morrison, consultant in public health medicine who carried out the survey. "The survey clearly shows that many high risk people are not being offered cholesterol testing whereas many at comparatively low risk are being tested unnecessarily."

At their annual meeting in Glasgow this week the British Cardiac Society is also calling for GPs to play a more impor-tant role in administering "clotbusting" drugs to heart attack

Trials of drugs such as streptokinase have shown that they can reduce the likelihood of death from a heart attack by 25 to 50 per cent. The earlier a treatment is started the greater a patient's chances of survival. The British Heart Foundation has recommended that heart attack patients should receive thrombolysis (treatment with clot dissolving drugs) within 90 minutes of seeking medical help the "call-to-needle" time.

A survey of 326 patients carried out by Dr John Rawles at the Medicine Assessment Research Unit at the University of Aberdeen found that those treated with the drugs by their GPs were more likely to receive the treatment within 90 minutes than those who received it after being admitted to hospital.

Dr Rawles said: "In most cases general practitioners attending patients suffering a heart attack are in a position to give potentially life-saving treatment within the target time [90 minutes]."

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Islanders whip up storm over Iron Age cover-up

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The winds which gust across the remote Scottish island of Great Bernera with Hebridean vigour have whipped up a dispute about the future of a late from

Age village which is being excavated by archaeologists.

The problem for the experts digging at the 2,000-year-old site is that the wind is stripping away the sand surrounding the walls making them difficult to presente once they have consistent. serve once they have completed their excavations.

Historic Scotland, which is responsible for ancient sites, has upset people on Great Bernera. off the larger island of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, by sug-gesting that the village should e covered over when digging nas finished.

This and an alternative plan to remove some stones from the site to an as yet undecided location has triggered the first rebellion on the island since crofters rioted over the threat

of eviction in 1874. It is being led by Count has been the laird of the 7,000aere island since 1962.

He said: "I am thrilled by the find and want to see it preserved. I own the foreshore and therefore this site. Unless it can be proved an engineering impossibility I do not want my property tampered with. Nor should any of the artefacts be removed off this island."

The village, which covers a quarter of an acre by the seashore, was discovered by a team from the Edinburgh University centre for field archaeology after repeated finds of persistent reports of stone walls and pottery falling out of a

rapidly eroding shoreline.
The houses on the site, which is unlikely to be fully excavated, were built by lining large holes dug in the sand with stone and covering these with low thatched roofs.

The floors, walls and lintels have survived and so too have the remnants of rubbish tips

Robin de la Lanne Mirrlees, 72, an insight into how Iron Age is-a French-born aristocrat, who landers lived. Although the sea landers lived. Although the sea has been responsible for some erosion, wind has stripped away

sand to expose the walls.

Dr Noel Fojut, principal inspector of ancient monuments for Historic Scotland, said: "The walls of these houses were meant to be supported by sand, not free-standing, and are quite dangerous once the sand has gone from around them. We do not have the tech-nological means to make these walk stick together."

Talks are continuing aimed at finding a solution but Historic Scotland, which has provided more than £68,000 for the excavations, has annoved people by suggesting the site should be covered. The Rev Donald Macaulay, a former convenor of Western Isles Council who lives on Great Bernera, said: "We would like to see the site preserved so that people can see what was going on 2,000 years ago. It is of great interest and which have given archaeologists tourist point of view.

Blitz on reading standards promised

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Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, yesterday promised tough new measures to improve reading in

Details of her plans, which are likely to include a tightening of teacher-training standards, will be announced today to coincide with publication of a report highlighting reading

The report from the Office for Standards in Education is expected to show that nearly eight out of 10 seven-year-olds in the London boroughs of Islington, Southwark and Tower Hamlets are below expected standards in reading. Mrs Shephard said at the weekend that if inspectors needed greater powers to conduct more such inspections, they would be given them.

The report says teachers were held back by lack of knowledge about how to teach children to read so time spent teaching reading was often wasted. Mrs Shephard wants the list of criteria which trainee teachers have to meet defined more precisely and greater em-phasis put on basic skills.

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, who will present the report, has consisiently argued that too many "progressive" teaching methods lower standards. The three local authorities have accused him of altering the report for

political reasons. A Department for Education and Employment spokeswoman said: "Mrs Shephard has read the report on London's schools. She plans to be with the chief inspector when he gives his press conference tomorrow and

will make her own statement immediately afterwards, when: She will be announcing tougher measures in response to the

findings in the report."

Ministers have overspent the publicity budget for nursery vouchers by more than 50 per cent but have failed to persuade one-fifth of parents to apply for vouchers, according to official figures released yesterday.

Parents in four local author ities have been offered vouchers worth £1,100 to buy nurs education in state, private or voluntary nurseries. The scheme will be extended to all local authorities next April.

Figures in parliamentary an swers to David Blunkett, the Labour spokesman for education, show that £1.1m has been spent so far on publicity, compared with the original budget of £750,000. Yet the figures also show that one in five parents has not applied for a voucher. In Kensington and Chelsea, 55 per cent have applied, in Westminster 60 per cent, Wandsworth 84 per cent and Norfolk 92 per cent.

"It would be hard to conceive a more convoluted and bureaucratic way of promoting an ex-pansion of nursery provision." Mr Blunkett said

Ministers want the scheme to create more places in private and voluntary nurseries but the figures reveal that two-thirds of four-year-olds in the four local authorities already have places in state schools or nurseries.

A Department for Education and Employment spokeswoman said: "We have a duty to provide information to parents and providers. The intense level of interest they have shown bodes well for when the scheme goes national."

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DAILY POEM

Postscript

By Seamus Heaney

And some time make the time to drive out west Into County Clare, along the Flaggy Shore, In September or October, when the wind And the light are working off each other So that the ocean on one side is wild With foam and glitter, and inland among stones The surface of a slate-grey lake is lit By the earthed lightning of a flock of swans, Their feathers roughed and ruffling, white on white, Their fully grown headstrong-looking heads Tucked or cresting or his wunderwater. Useless to think you'll park and capture it More thoroughly: You are neither here nor there, A hurry through which known and strange things pass As big soft buffetings come at the car sideways And catch the heart off guard and blow it open.

The Spirit Level, from which this poem is taken, is Seamus Heaney's first book of poems since he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995. It is, quite simply, the collection of the year. Heaney's darting lightness of touch, his talismanic way of seeing, a conjuring of an almost physical ache of the beauty and the pain of what it is to be alive, is unsurpassed. He is that rarest of creatures: a poet with an abiding sense of how the past informs, but also comforts, the present, and permits us both to make sense of it and to restore balance. The Spail Level is published by Faber at £7.99. Seamus Heaney reads tonight at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London's South Bank at 7.30pm. Ticket returns only.

Radiation may trigger fatal wasting disease

GLENDA COOPER

High levels of radiation could trigger Motor Neurone Disease, the fatal neurological illness suffered by Professor Stephen Hawking, according to new research by British

Researchers from the John Bevan MND Research Unit at Brunel University, Middlessex have published two reports claiming there is a connection between the disease and alpha radiation, which results in higher incidence of the disease and people dying at a younger age.

The researchers looked at radon gas concentrations in England and Wales between 1981-9 and deaths from MND. They also studied patterns of disease in Japan following nuclear testing in the Pacific in the 1950s and 1960s. While radiation does not actually cause the disease, it acts as a trigger factor to accelerate it in the small percentage of the population who are already susceptible, the authors concluded.

Motor neurone disease, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease, generally strikes in midbrain and spinal cord, and leads counted for by radon gas. Only

BBC yesterday accused daytime

television of being "Stupid-

the Independent and a former

BBC social affairs correspon-

dent, said daytime television

looked cheap, was without char-

acter and was 20 years out of

She launched her attack in

the Radio Times and asked

readers to send in their sug-

gestions for alternative pro-

grammes during the day to

replace the "weary grunge of the

Polly Toynbee, a columnist at 'inator

to the wasting of the muscles 13 per cent comes from artificontrolled by these nerves. Almost total paralysis follows.

It was first clinically reported in 1870, but there has been little progress since in therapy. The disease does not affect the brain itself, as has been demonstrated by the life of Professor Hawking, the Cambridge physi-cist and author, who has suffered from MND for about 25

Overall there are 3 deaths per 100,000 population in Britain which Dr Stuart Neilson, director of Medical Information Systems at the Brunel unit, says has risen 130 per cent since the 1960s when there were only 500 deaths per year. He says the "phenomenal increase" is due mainly to increased life expectancy with people living long enough to develop MND.

Those who die from MND tend to do so between the ages of 60 and 80, with the neak heing at 70. But the British study found that those who lived in areas of high radon concentration tended to die on average two and a half years earlier.

Radiation exposure comes mainly from natural sources in dle age. It affects nerves in the Britain, with nearly half ac-

'Stupidvision' daytime TV slated

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most of the presenters look like

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cial sources, of which 12 per cent comes from medical sources and I per cent from occupational exposure or industrial discharges. Certain areas in Britain have particularly high areas of radon concentration - Cornwall, Devon, Northamptonshire and Somerset. In these areas MND mortality rate amongst men was much higher - 3.85 per

100,000 in Cornwall. The results confirmed earli-er work the researchers had done on MND mortality rates 1950 and 1990.

Between the years of 1950 and 1963, until the Test Ban Treaty came into force, there were atmospheric weapons tests in the Pacific area.

In 1951 there was a mortal ity rate of 2.12 per 100,000 amongst the Japanese aged 55 or more. By 1963 this bad jumped to a rate of 3.22 and amongst older men it even reached 4.5 per 100,000. The cessation of atom tests saw the rate drop swiftly to 2.39 per 100,000 in 1974.

Dr Neilson said he hoped the findings would lead to a greater understanding of the disease and what causes sus-

contact with the human brain.

Daytime television was the

a lack of new ideas and risky

But the BBC pointed out last

night that most of its daytime

programmes were popular - and said it had already an-

nounced a re-think of morning

shows following the scrapping of its programme Good Morning with Anne and Nick.

some exceptions: good cookery shows such as Can't Cook, Won't

Cook and Ready Steady Cook.

and the "magic insanity"

Ms Toynbee said there were

sional "graveyard", with

A tantalising glimpse of the good life as artist puts exhibitions on the road



Motor show: A 1961 Ford Consul owned by the artist Fred Pipes and containing models of a kissing couple in homage to the film, La Dolce Vita, at the 30th Brighton Festival which continues until 26 May. Local artists traditionally open their homes to the public Photograph: Andrew Hasson

Tornados' flight home clips wings of RAF

inhabits a rapidly shrinking world. In his 37 years with the RAF, he has been turfed out of one far-flung base after another from Hawaii to Belize, and even from garrisons closer to home, such as Abingdon in Oxfordshire. "Wherever I go, it gets closed down," he laments.

The jinx has followed him to RAF Brüggen, two runways cut on the German-Dutch border. The base was to have been the last outpost of British air power on the Continent beyond the millennium. But on Wednesday the Government announced that Brüggen's 52 Tornados would fly home by 2002, ending the RAF's pres-ence in mainland Europe.

Though WO Fuller is due to retire in 18 months' time when

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Warrant Officer George Fuller he reaches 55, he is full of foreboding. By doing away with foreign bases, he fears the RAF will lose its main drawing

> "The British services used to recruit with the slogan - Join the Air Force, see the world, meet the people, and bomb them'," he said. "In my day, we never considered serving in England." After 2002 any bombing will

have to be long-range, and ser-vicemen will spend more time away from their families, training in Canada's Arctic wilderness. "That's going to put a great strain on marriages, and that will not be good for morale," said Sgt Glenn Walker, who at 32 is shering in the new era.

Most of the RAF personnel at Brüggen are married with

Servicemen and locals are upset by decision to leave Brüggen, writes

Imre Karacs a strong community and excel-lent schools. "People used to

look forward to a tour of duty in Germany," says Valerie Thomas, the wife of a wing commander.

The men come in the knowledge that their families will be well looked after. The women are kept busy by voluntary work, coffee mornings, shopping trips to a choice of three countries, and club life in the evening. The Forces' radio and television stations keep the ex-

pats in touch with British news. The tedium of living in a bubble is relieved by Club Med-style leisure facilities, including an 18hole golf course, tennis courts and subsidised ski trips.

"We certainly don't want to go back to the UK in a hurry." said Mrs Thomas.

The locals are in no mood to hasten her departure. "We have always looked at the possible closure of the base with one eye in tears and the other smiling, says Karl-Heinz Kreder, mayor of the district council. Apart from the money the airmen were spending at the village's tax-free shops, Mr Kreder stands to lose nearly DMom (£2.7m) a year in German government subsidies, paid to ser-

vice the British population. The empty houses will most likely to be allocated to immigrants from the former Soviet Union such as Kazakhs. Mr Kreder leaves no doubt that he prefers the Brits to the Kazakhs.

But German hostility to the hase is largely to blame for the decision, as Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence, admitted on Wednesday. Because of a German ban on low-flying, the RAF has to car-

ry out all training in Britain. Senior officers concede it makes more sense to repatriate the aircraft. But they wonder whether Mr Portillo's pledge that the RAF's wings will not be fatally clipped in the process is realistic. "We are going to be-come a UK-based air force with a world-wide commitment," said one. And that, he said, will be mission impossible.

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A devastating report into child abuse in North Wales, kept secret by Clwyd County Council but disclosed here, reveals chaos in the council's social services department and failure to act on a catalogue of complaints of physical and sexual assaults spanning decades. Roger Dobson reports

Help that came 'too little, too late'

The inquiry report into child abuse in North Wales, which has been kept secret by Clwyd County Council, provides a devastating critique of poor social services management and missed opportunities in dealing with widespread abuse in children's homes.

"Too little too late" was the council's response to reports of abuse, according to a 300-page independent report which talks of "chaotic" organisation in a Clwyd social services department which had failed to learn from its mistakes.

There had been at least 10 internal investigations by the council, several of which covered residential homes, but the report says: "Many of the professions interviewed by the independent panel expressed the view that Clwyd social services was very good at reviewing it-self but has failed consistently to learn from its mistakes and been unable to implement a full range of appropriate safeguards.

We are of the opinion that Clwyd social services does not appear to have been able to learn from its own internal inquiries. Reviews ... are commissioned with no real attempt

to implement the findings.
"A number of the internal investigations point to a chaotic state of overall management by Clwyd social services of its residential childcare provision.

"It is inescapable that the heart of the problems in Clwyd has been the lack of rigour in the matter of personnel policy and procedure. Our investigations have led us to the conclusion that the abuse of children and young people in Clwyd residential units has been extensive and [took] place over

a substantial number of years. What was described by the North Wales police as the largest investigation of child abuse resulted in 3,755 witness statements being taken. This resulted in four men being convicted. Not less than 24 people were recognised victims of these crimes; offences include buggery, indecent assault, cruelty, actual bodily harm.



No safe haven: The former Bryn Estyn children's home in Wrexham which featured in witness statements taken by police Photograph: Paul Sanders

young people who have been through the care system in Clwyd have been severely disrupted. At least 12 young people are dead.

"It is unclear how many other professionals, including police officers, were named in these statements as perpetrators. We know of at least three current employees of Clwyd social services who were interviewed as part of the investigation. To our knowledge none of them was disciplined.

"It would be tempting for those who wish to avoid any further critical examination of failings were confined to Clwyd

"It is clear that the lives of and to seek to draw a line under them.

> "The panel has no doubt that the roles of other agencies such as health, education, probation, the North Wales Police and the Welsh Office, require similar careful and detailed scrutiny if more effective safeguards are to be put in place.

"Major gaps in our knowledge, along with the decisions of individuals and agencies not to meet with us, or in some instances to provide us with only limited information, has meant we have been left with misgivings which can only be answered or dispelled through the issues to propose that the further detailed examination

formed sources ... that the re-

lationship between the Chief Constable and some represen-

tatives of the council were

strained. Additionally we were

told by a number of social ser-

vices staff of dissatisfaction at

operational level with their

"We raise these issues to indicate the degree of concern and disquiet felt in a number of quarters, from ex-residents themselves, to government ministers. The concerns regarding the care of children in the past

and to some extent the present

have been sufficient to gener-

ate numerous requests for a public inquiry.

"Our findings show that time and time again the response to indications that children may have been abused has been too little and too late ... Our criticisms in this regard apply not only to Clwyd but also to the Welsh Office, the North Wales Police and constituent agencies, in so far as we were able to examine their contribution to our investigation.

"A second overarching finding is that there has been a conflict of interest ... the interests of young people have almost invariably been sacrificed with the false conviction that to take no action was the only response.

"Our findings also question the outcomes and use made of previous investigations. There have been to our knowledge at least 10 internal inquiries within Clwyd.

"We welcome the commitment of the county council to what we believe to be publication in its entirety. We believe that all those with a responsibility for child protection matters in Clwyd have an

inescapable duty to read our report in full. We consider that a public judicial inquiry under the arrangements set out under section 250 of the Local Government Act should be initiated.

We highlight the issues below which we consider to be of considerable public interest and which require urgent scrutiny, guidance and review.

First and foremost, children have a right to safe group living. We note that many local authority residential units are being closed. However there are other group-living arrangements where vulnerable children may

cation boarding placements which are required to be inspected only every four years; child psychiatric units where we are unclear about what inspections are undertaken; and youth cusand remand centres, as well as the increasing private-sector provision including small homes which currently fall outside of

the usual inspection services. "All of these group-living environments are potential target areas for sex offenders. Hence a tightening of recruitment. monitoring and supervision in one type of establishment must be followed by a similar tightening in other types of estab-lishment.

"There is an evident increase in investigations of settings for vulnerable service users including children ... Underpinning our concern is the belief that children and families have a right to safe care and local authorities have a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that this safety is provided.

"Secondly, insurance issues are complex. It is clear that the interests of the insurers of Clwyd have in recent years played an important part in the investigations of child abuse. We know however that this is not a situation unique to Clwyd.

Thirdly, the management of large police investigations into child-protection matters, including retrospective allegations. needs urgent consideration.

"Fourthly, the discrepancies across public departments or between the law and guidance on written warnings in disciplinary matters, are all contributing factors to abuse continuing.

"It is clear that sex offenders can and do network so that circumscribed investigations and strict adherence to, for example, (notice) force boundaries, as evidenced by the use of the police database, Holmes, are clearly sometimes not in the best interests of children and their right to safe caring.

These issues are all of fundamental importance. We regard it is imperative that they are addressed in the full view of

of these matters. be placed. These include edu-Strained relations with police hampered inquiries

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independent inquiry into the police investigation of complaints of abuse at children's homes in Clwvd.

It also criticises way the joint investigation was handled, and wants a national database set up to establish links between sex offenders. The report also reveals that a dossier of names of "sus-

to police by Clwyd in 1991: "A

number of former residents we interviewed stated that they made complaints when they absconded from their residential

units. Indeed they frequently absconded precisely because of the abuse they were experiencing within their units.
"The independent panel

dealings with the police. "Since we were not able to meet with any police officers during our investigation we were unable to confirm or refute this. It would appear that the policy of joint investigation of child matters was not fol-**PSSSSST** lowed in Clwyd in a major police investigation instigated in 1991. We were told that the rationale for this was that the ma-

jority of complainants being interviewed were now adults.
"Our understanding of the manner in which the police investigation was mounted stems from the letter of July 1991 from the county solicitor to the Chief Constable outlining a number of concerns regarding residen-tial childcare in Clwyd.

"It raises the issue of a paedophile ring in North Wales. It also contains ... a list of suspicions, and a list of named indi-viduals about whom there were queries. Following this letter an extensive police investigation

"The new Chief Constable for North Wales, Michael Argent, declined to meet with the independent panel; although he provided some statistical data to use, many of our questions re-

"Findings: It has become evident during our investigations

work professionals, have serious concerns about the involvement of the police in the recent investigation which may compromise future collaborations in

of the major police investigation was managed in such a way that

child-protection matters... "It appears to us that much precluded the utilisation of

need for a national database whereby in situations of suspected organised institutional abuse, connections can be made across police boundaries. Turning to the work of the

Welsh Social Services Inspec-

plaints of child physical and sex-ual abuse in Clwyd's residential

One care worker's shady past

■ April 1974. Applied for senior houseparent post at one home (Little Acton), was offered another (Bryn Estyn) instead.

III-June 1974. Told director of an offence he had committed in his previous job. Twice interviewed successfully for senior houseparent post.

■ December 1978, First-allegation of physical assault ■ March 1980, Director expressed concern after further similar physical assault complaint made against him.

September 1981. Three complaints of physical assault.

May 1982. Further complaint of physical assault. ■ January 1983. Further allegation of physical assault.

April 1984. Deployed to another home. August 1985. Suspended after allegations of physical assault.

Lanuary 1986. Move to centre for mentally handicapped adults. ■ December 1986. Allegation of physical assault on resident. August 1987 Requests transfer back to child care. March 1992 Arrested in a major police Investigation. November 1994 guilty of common assault, and assault causing actual bodily

in child protection. "It is our view that retrospective allegations of child abuse made by former juveniles who have reached adult status should be given the same degree of investigatory care ... as [has] been developed in relation to

young people under 18. "We strongly urge that consideration be given to an inquiry, as a matter of urgency, into the

harm. Suspended prison sentence of 15 months. Clwyd's existing professional torate, which has responsibili-social work skills and expertise ty for inspecting children's homes, the report says that there was no inspection of any

> dren's home between 1984 and "Indeed we have no knowledge of any inspection at Bryn Estyn [home] throughout the

Clwyd council residential chil-

period when it was managed by the local authority, from 1974 onwards. We know that the former director of social ser-

the chief inspector in October with poor management and 1990 requesting, with the agreement of the county council, an inspection into the running of [another Clwyd home]. The chief inspector declined.

"Our view, albeit with the benefit of hindsight, is that by that time the problems in Clayd residential homes had reached an acute level, assistance from the Welsh office ... might have gone towards identifying an busive situation which only fully emerged over several years following the director's request

for help. "The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Nicholas Bennett, [later] instructed the inspectorate to undertake a review ... In undertaking the review, considerable reliance was placed on a postal questionnaire to obtain a profile of the service and of individual homes. This had the disadvantage of being dependant on information submitted by the providers...

The report analyses the responses of the eight Welsh local authorities. It states: 'These re-sponses reveal a service which has been poorly directed and undermanaged. If good work is being done, it is in spite of the lack of ... explicit policies and a supportive management'.

"Among the conclusions of the report is: Training in the tress and the experiences of sexual abuse among children should be near of the trees. package of all those working with children.

...There is a well-established constellation of factors carious and potentially danvices, Gledwyn Jones, wrote to which is frequently associated gerous state.

residential care and with the attitudes and behaviour of staff and children which can give strong pointers towards the possibility of abuse.

"The factors identified as

being present in situations of institutional abuse had all been consistently and obviously present in Clwyd over 20 years: ■ Recruitment policy not standardised or rigorously implements. Lack of professional qualifications and insufficient in-house training. In Inadequate police checks. Lack of clear role boundaries for staff. ■ Confusions over responsibilities. **u** Individual children targeted for special favours. High concentrations of vulnerable children with low esteem who are easier to target Lack of care plans. Little or no involvement of children's wider network, including family, friends, social worker and other professionals

"We consider that a sensitive and regular programme of inspections, reviews, monitorings and spot checks is likely to provide the kind of support which encourages good pro-fessional practice. We consider unproven the Welsh Office statement that the 1992 review did not reveal the cause of

concern which led to it. should be part of the skills services would have signalled to senior management at the Welsh Office that residential care for children was in a pre-

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"Social services, child guidance have taken everything I have to give and labelled me with so many different names. One day you'll finally suss me out cos you ain't yet, not by a

long chalk. Anyway, thanks for being my social worker." These remarks from Christine, a young girl abused at home and in care, were passed on to the inquiry panel which was told no-one believed what

CHRISTINE'S SIDRY

she said and that police called her a liar, threatening to arrest her for wasting their time.

But the young child, barely out of primary school, had all the classic symptoms of someone who had been sexually abused at home before she went into care - where she also the subject of abuse. She tried to kill herself, slept on the floor fully clothed, never opened the curtain, did not eat; she refused to take part in physical education at school and she refused to clean her teeth, wanting them to turn brown. In addition,

her young brother was soiling

the bed and her sister suffered

child's desperate calls for help were ignored by care workers.

Professional reports in her file say "these allegations are unfounded". She had a "proneness to fantasy" and was a "deeply troubled young person". She is described in her file as a convincing liar, as someone who cannot be telling the truth because she speaks with no emotion and unlike a child.

Police who investigated the allegations of abuse against her father labelled the girl as a "fantasist" and also pointed out chies like the "books and letters which show her talent for story writing". The Jillings report says: "The police clearly

from asthma. But the young believed she told untruths and behavioral presentation is wholreinterviewed her and during this interview she retracted her

original allegations."
Police visited the girl's home after the allegations and found her room in an appalling state. Christine is said not to have eaten since the time her father returned. Another file discloses sexual assault by both her father and step-grandfather. "There is a query about whether the stepgrandfather had a history of sexually abusing children, but it appears not to have been investigated," reveals the Jillings

report. It adds: "The picture

emerges of a young woman who had high levels of contact

with her family of origin, whose

ly consistent with experience of sexual abuse or some other traumatic abusive experience."

It goes on: "However, a clear message was evident from the police that there would be no further action regarding Christine's disclosure." Christine later made allegations against residential care staff and one person was later sacked, partly

on the basis of her information. The report adds: "It is clear that the professional network with whom Christine was in contact failed to have regard to any academic literature on sexual abuse. Her behaviour indicators were classic symp-



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Or should that be



French

dispel

fears on

aid to

Muslims

Paris (Reuter) - France sought

yesterday to stamp out possible controversy over a statement by a junior minister who said French aid to war-hit Lebanese civilians was in part being dis-tributed by Hizbollah's Muslim fundamentalist guerrillas. France's attitude to Hizbol-

lah has not changed," Jacques

Rummelhardt, a foreign min-

istry spokesman, said about a

weekend statement during a

visit to Lebanon by Xavier Em-manuelli, junior minister for

emergency humanitarian ac-

While touring southern

Lebanon, Mr Emmanuelli an-swered positively when asked if he knew French aid given to the

Lebanese government for dis-tribution was being passed on to Hizbollah for distribution in

"Hizbollah participates ... in

medical rescue and social wel-

fare [in southern Lebanon].

There is no reason to exclude

them," Mr Emmanuelli said.

The statements were poten-

tially damaging politically since

Paris courts have said the Iran-

ian-backed Shia Muslin group

was thought to be connected to

a bomb attack in Paris in 1986

in which half a dozen people were killed and dozens wound-

ed. The French military also holds Hizbollah responsible for

the suicide bombing of a French

position in Beirut in 1983 in

which 58 paratroops were

killed, Another 241 American

the field.

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Qana massacre: Fijian colonel in charge of UN compound dismisses Israeli claim that attack was a map-reading mistake

'We cried for all of the dead children'

Qana, southern Lebanon

Lieutenant Colonel Wame Waqaniyayalagi sat in the front of the television of his smashed officers' mess yesterday afternoon and watched his own headquarters being shelled by the Israelis. As the artillery rounds howled down on the Fijian battalion headquarters at Qana on the videotape in front of him, the colonel - who has spent eight years on United Naions service in southern Lebanon - pointed at the smoke that filled the screen.

"In there, Robert, was an awful place to be," he said. And he shook his head. "The Israeli 'margin of error' was too big to say this was an error. There were two Israeli helicopters observing the shelling in this headquarters - they were ob-serving as shells landed here."

The videotape, which forms the centrepiece of the UN investigation into the attack on Qana - a copy of the film was obtained by the Independent showed an Israeli pilotless reconnaissance drone, used for artillery spotting, flying low over Qana at the height of the Israeli bombardment. The Israelis said it was on "another mission" but Colonel Waqaniyavalagi was unimpressed.

"I wouldn't know about 'an-other mission'." he said point-the colonel has children - two-"I wouldn't know about 'anedly. "All I know is that I was year-old Leilani, Lorna, six, under our security.

shelled. My men saw these Isracli drone planes from their observation post. They saw one before the massacre. We know the Israelis are very good at artillery shooting. Much of the time when the Israelis have shot in this area, we would loaf around in the camp. We knew how accurate their shooting was. That's why there was no air of expectancy in the camp before the attack."

The colonel was in his com-

mand centre when the first Israeli artillery round to hit the UN base - there were 12 in all -landed near the Fijian UN battalion's outdoor refrigerator on 18 April. "It was chaos," he said. "Everyone was crying. People were being killed. Bodies were flying in the air. At one point there was a big explosion and I looked up and saw a whole house had gone. I saw two of my soldiers carrying bodies in blan-kets with hands hanging out. People were shouting 'casualties' and 'four soldiers severely

The colonel raised his hands. "When it was over, I just couldn't believe it - that we could be shelled in our own tactical headquarters. I was astonished. I stood there helpless. I couldn't do anything to stop the whole thing."

But like many of the 150 Fi-



After the shelling: 'It was chaos. Everyone was crying. Bodies were flying in the air, my soldiers carried bodies in blankets' Photograph: Globenet

and an eight-year-old boy called Sakiesa - and it was their faces which confronted him when

the Israeli shells had killed the last of the 120 or more refugees. There were so many dead children and when I saw the bodies, my own children were right in front of me. The colonel put his hand in front of his face, the fingers towards him. "They were there, like that, so close to me. If they had told me there was going to be a mas-sacre. I wouldn't have come to Lebanon, It is one of the saddest, most deplorable things that any human being can be killed

Most of the 560 refugees in the camp-another 300 ran into the UN base just before the shelling and after they had heard the Hizbollah mortar fire 350 metres away - had been living among the Fijians for eight days and some of the soldiers had become close triends with the Lebanese civilians, es-

pecially the children. We had been living with these people for more than a week," the colonel said. "Every night, our soldiers would hold the babies and rock them to sleep for their mothers. My then gave up their beds, their and most of his men wept in the

people. They taught us to make the Lebanese kibis food and when we held our Christian service every evening they would all be very quiet and many of the Muslims would come and stand near us and watch us in silence as we prayed.

"It was a relationship with the Lebanese people that we hadn't had in the 18 years our battalions have been here. And then we saw them killed. We were slept in groups on the floors in starting to learn each other's the nights that followed, unable culture. And suddenly, everything went away.

of the attack. "We all cried. We had known them so well -some of my men were very affected. They knew the kids and they had to pick up pieces of them. They had held the babies and they had to pick them up in bits. It's just too horrific to describe."

At the weekend, a UN team from New York arrived to provide psychological help for the soldiers, some of whom had to sleep, jumping at the slightest sound - a car braking or a spoon dropping from a table. Several were recommended imclaimed they were firing.

They came in to look for their

Colonel Waqanivavalagi did observe several Hizbollah men arrive at the compound after not before - the shelling. They were, he said, the men who fired the mortars at which the Israelis

families who were here. And one of them found that all his family had been killed. He was hysterical. He kept shouting these are my people'. But the people who died were civilians. They had become our friends. Who cannot see this and think of their children? At the end, I cried inside my soul. Not even tears can

Marines were killed in a similar attack there the same day. Mr Runmelhardt said yesterday: "Mr Emmanuelli was not thinking of anything beyond recognising that Hizbollah can be involved in certain charita-

"But this changes nothing to France's attitude which, I insist, is that Hizbollah must scrupulously respect the 26 April ceasefire agreements ending the cycle of violence.

President Jacques Chirac said last week that France's renewed commitment to Lebanon was demonstrated by aid to civilians who suffered in Israel's retaliatory blitz between 11 and 27 April after rocket attacks by Hizbollah guerrillas.

Mr Chirac, who visited Lebanon days before the conflict broke out and pledged support for Lebanon's sovereignty. said that Fren help broker the ceasefire gave Paris a new diplomatic footbold in the region.

France had a mandate over Lebanon and Syria between the two world wars.

US backing for Israel 'puts peace effort at risk' But could the US cash in its

JOHN CARLIN

The announcement yesterday that the Israeli Foreign Minister, Ehud Barak, will meet his US counterpart, Warren Christopher, in Washington tomorrow to discuss plans for an Israeli-America "defence alliance" will only reinforce Arab perceptions of American bias in the Middle East

Arab leaders criticised the failure of both Democrats and Republicans to venture a shred of criticism of Israel's recent bombardment of Lebanon. The time had come, the Arab lead-

Union to play a more forthright part in restoring some international balance to the Middle East equation.

But, as yesterday's an-nouncement indicates, the response in Washington to the Arab complaints is unlikely to be one of abject apology, much less a policy U-turn. Indeed, President Bill Clinton made it clear last week that his plan is Foreign Minister and other tions with its traditional Middle Eastern ally. The goal of the enruel would be "to meet common threats in the years to come". Mr

"will grow in importance." Surprisingly, however, the

lasting peace between Israelis visioned defence alliance with Is- that claimed 150 Lebanese lives last month Clinton said. "US-Israeli strate- among Middle East specialists

novel idea is beginning to seep through Washington that Arab criticism of American bias towards Israel might not be entirely unjustified and could undermine efforts to achieve a

An article in Sunday's New York Tanes pondered the notion that the US government might leaning too heavily behind Israel during the conflagration

"There is increasing concern

crucial - its critical distance any American "critical disfrom Israel - and thereby damaging its ability to play the 'honest broker' for Israelis and Arabs," the newspaper said. If the United States is the

most influential international player in the Middle East, the New York Times is the newspaper with the most influence on US Middle East policy. of the idea by the New York that to achieve the paramount

ing its "critical distance" from Israel presents the possibility of a debate on the previously unutterable. Or maybe not. In the view of

one Middle Eastern specialist gic co-operation," he promised, that America is losing something the notion that there had been

tance" from Israel in the first place was merely a bad joke. It's like a woman who has been sleeping around a lot," he said, "and suddenly wakes up one morning worrying that people might be saying she is not a virgin any more.

The Clinton administration insists, however, that its motives Thus the very consideration are pure, driven by the belief tive that Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, defeats his hard line Likud rivals in Israel's 29 May elections.

What many Middle East speeven-handedness was required to prevent the Arab world from becoming calamitously antagonistic towards the US-brokered

Jim Zogby, the director of Washington's Arab American Institute, believes the US response to the Israeli offensive in Lebanon will have damaging and far-reaching consequences for the Middle East peace effort. "It is a reminder that even

when you have a dispropor-Lebanon's people, the US cannot find its way to urge restraint on Israel." Mr Zogby said. "And that reminder will have a permanent distorting effect on fucialists suggested was that more ture US relations in the Middle

chips with Israel at a later date and apply pressure when obstacles are encountered in the peace process? Mr Zogby had his doubts.

"We won't know until after the Israeli elections. We see what we get." And that is a US political establishment utterly beholden to the domestic pro-Israel lobby.

As Mr Zogby is not alone in cy towards Israel is not so much a function of America's national interest as of the fear all elected officials in Washington have of incurring the wrath of the organised and influential pro-Israel forces inside the US.

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NDEPENDENT

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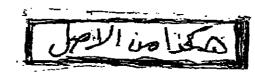
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Russian election: President backs Communists' insistence on 16 June poll but hints at trouble ahead

Yeltsin leaves civil war card on the table

PHIL REEVES

Boris Yeltsin delivered a masterful political lesson in the art of having your cake and eating it yesterday as he weighed into the squall caused by his chief of security and personal confi-dant. Alexander Korzhakov, who suggested that the forthcoming presidential elections should be postponed to avoid civil unrest.

The president, who is lagging behind the Communists' Gennady Zyuganov in most polls, said the election should go ahead on time and rebuked his aide, advising him to stop meddling in politics and keep quiet. "I trust in the wisdom of

the Russian voters," he said. Yet Mr Yeltsin was equally quick to reinforce his security chief's efforts to drum up fears that there will be civil strife if the election goes ahead and the Kremlin falls into the hands of the Communists: "Several people . . . believe that Zyug-anov's victory would be the be-

ginning of a civil war," he said. The remarks by Lt-Gen Korzhakov, head of the presidential guard - who insists he was speaking personally -fanned speculation the Kremlin is cooking up a plan to put off the 16 June elections, a ru-mour that has been bubbling away in the cauldron of Moscow politics despite repeated as- from across the political spec-

surances to the contrary by Mr trum, most of which served to Yeltsin. The rumour is understandable, but improbable. The president is struggling to catch the Communists, even though Russia's untrustworthy polls

show him narrowing the gap.
Although his administration is manipulating much of the national media (despite his com-



would lead to civil conflict

plaints that the local Russian papers have been "libelling" him), Mr Yeltsin is haunted by a long list of public grievances not least his failure to settle the conflict in Chechnya.

Moreover, his entourage is likely to regard handing over power as desirable as jumping in the filthy river Moskva. The Korzhakov affair pro-

duced a flurry of condemnations

prove little more than the election season is well under way. The Communist chairman of the State Duma, Gennady Se-leznyow, accused Mr Yeltsin of "rocking the boat"; Vladimir

Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist, said it was a sign the Kremlin knew it was losing. Vik-tor Anpilov, head of a small but influential Stalinist branch of the Communists, warned a delay could lead to civil war.

It is not all rhetoric: Russia is divided; civil war is not impossible. But the presidential bodyguard's activities have more to do with trying to whip up fears over the "red peril" than any serious strategy.
In this, it probably failed. As

he races around the country at a speed that must cause furrowed brows among his doctors, Mr Yeltsin would do better to stick to a more orthodox script, such as pointing out that - according to government statistics (which here, as elsewhere, should be handled with care) the inflation rate for April dropped to 2.2 per cent, a record since the reforms began.

Whether the administration can sustain that figure is questionable - the Kremlin has been splashing out money in the hope of buying votes - but it is over spying, this time over an a useful short-term achievement, and a lot more sensible have caught redhanded a Russthan letting loose the presiian agent for working M16, who lead them to his controllers

within the ornate walls of the British embassy. On the last occasion, each side threw out 11 people, journalists and diplomats. This time, given the evident fury of as "wholly unjustified", a sim-

PHIL REEVES

IF the business of spying was

the same as that of making wine, then Russia and Britain

were yesterday dusting off old, and not particularly pleasant,

bottles from their darkest

cellars. The era? That of Phi-

Seven years have elapsed

since Russia and Britain have

fallen out quite so spectacularly

allegation by Moscow that they

by, Burgess, and Blunt.

seems to be looming. What divides the two incidents, of course, is the collapse of the Soviet Union, and a Smiley types.

ilar tit-for-tat performance

certain warming of relations. Only last month John Major was in Moscow for talks with President Boris Yeltsin during a summit on nuclear safety. Britain, which supports Mr Yeltsin and his re-election efforts (although it only admits to supporting "reforms"), an-nounced another £35m in aid.

Yet, for all the cool friendliness, there is plenty of evidence that the intelligence community has ploughed on with its work. In March, a parliamentary committee warned of an increase in Russian spying. The former Defence Minister, Tom King, said the Russians "were back in busi-

ness" having retrenched after the fall of the Soviet Union. These days there are 300 British businessess operating in Russia, and some £350m worth the Foreign Office, who de-scribed the Russian behaviour main: many activities, from nuclear disarmament, to chemical weapons. Nato policy, and the sale by Russia of nuclear technology to China and Iran, remain of keen interest to the

But the latest affair should he also seen in the context of Russian domestic politics. Next month, President Yeltsin faces an election this summer, which he could easily lose to the resurgent Communists.

Spy and go-between: Oleg Penkovsky (left), a Russian intelligence colonel, sent information to London through Greville Wynne (right)

Russia's spy allegation echoes

era of Cold War confrontation

alist and anti-Western mood, not least because of the proposed expansion of Nato, but also because Russians feel cheated of the prosperity that everyone promised capitalism and free market reforms would

Discovering a nest of spies within the hallowed walls of the British Embassy in Moscow, a grand old mansion which overlooks the Kremlin from the far bank of the Moskva River. and which was yesterday under seige from camera crews, can only help Mr Yeltsin's administration's efforts to align itself with popular opinion.

It was not a coincidence that the Federal Security Services (FSB), the successor to the KGB, was last night crowing about the "high level of pro-

Whether Russians are pay-ing any attention is another such squabbles, just as they did in March, when the Russians threw out the British businessman Nigel Shakespear for "activities incompatible with his status", or last year, when

The country is in a nation-

that his British paymasters had been particularly interested in arms supplies to the Middle East. Shortly after this, the Russians expelled John Scarlett,

said by Russian officials to have been the head of the MI6 station in Moscow. The most famous case of a Russian recruited by Britain

in Russia's military intelligence, the GRU. He was arrested and sentenced to death in May 1963; ten days earlier, the film of From Russia with Love, the latest James Bond film, had been released. Greville Wynne, the British businessman who was Penkovsky's Britain sent home a Russian go-between was also sentenced

television journalist. to eight years in prison; he was But significantly, this is the freeed in a spy-swap a year later for Gordon Lonsdale, second time in only two years that Russia has claimed to who had been jailed for his role have unmasked a spy for in the Portland spying ring. Britain in its midst. Vadim Eight British diplomats and five Sintsov, 59, a Russian arms Americans were declared per industry official, was arrested sona non grata as a result of the in January 1994, although the case did not emerge until The British Embassy in March. He said he earned £8,000 for a year's work, adding

Moscow refused to comment on the affair in public. But it made its feeling subtly felt by releasing a press release last night which pointed out that to-day the British Defence Attaché would be officiating at a ceremony at which 80 Russian military officers will graduate from a retraining programme in Moscow, paid for by the British Ministry of was Oleg Penkovsky, a Colonel Defence.

Zyuganov's surprise visit has Germans on defensive

IMRE KARACS

The entire German government the stated purpose of Mr went underground yesterday as Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist who wants to be Russia's new leader, swept into Bonn on a visit that dared not speak its name, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel, feigned to know nothing of the "private" trip, arranged in haste by the German Foreign Policy Society, a body partly funded by the government. Mr Zyuganov's sudden arrival

in the country that has tried to

spearhead President Boris Yeltsin's re-election campaign was no doubt unconnected with recent polls in Russia showing the Communist leader ahead. Mr Kohl has made great ef-forts to back his friend Boris and ignore the other man. The Chancellor had an opportunity to make amends when leaders of the leading industrial nations met in Moscow in March. But while John Major and Bill Clinton gritted their

teeth and shook Mr Zyuganov's hand, Mr Kohl snubbed him.

Zyuganov's visit was to deliver a speech about the Russian elections. It then transpired that the presidential candidate would also be meeting behind closed doors the leaders of all the main political parties, inchuding Wolfgang Schäuble, the Chancellor's right-hand man and head of the Christian Democrats' parliamentary group. As Mr Schäuble is merely the second most powerful man in Germany but has no cabinet post, the visit was still private,

official spokesmen insisted. In the end the society laid on an improvised press conference but forgot to invite the German and Russian media. In true Russian style, Mr Zynganov turned up late and immediateasked for a drink. Officials looked around in embarrassment before the interpreter cleared up the confusion: the would-be president had asked for "voda" (water), not vodka. He looked as sober as

Mikhail Gorbachev, and showed off some diplomatic

man foreign policy was begin-skills. No, he was not upset ning to change course with the about being treated by the West agility of a supertanker. At first like a leper. Apart from Messrs Major and Clinton, he had held talks in Moscow with the ambassadors of all the major pow ets, including India.

Nor was he worried about suggestions emanating from the Yeltsin camp that next month's elections should be postponed. "The elections and the date is fixed by the constitution," he said. "From our point of view, we want to make sure that the agreed laws are ob-served." Should the elections be aborted, then Russia would plunge into "political chaos", Mr Zyuganov stated, without a hint of menace in his voice.

He reserved that for Western leaders trying keep his rival in power. 'It is a mistake to stake everything on one politician," Mr Žyuganov told the German television station Pro 7. "Yeltsin's party gained only 10 per cent in the last elections. You must see that in the West. To support such a policy is short-sighted."

It is a pity Germany's leaders were not able to receive his warning in an official capacity.

Aznar opts for **Catholic** cabinet

ELIZABETH NASH Madrid

Spain's new Popular Party min-isters swore an oath of allegiance to King Juan Carlos yesterday, before sweeping new brooms into old offices to clear them of 13 years of Socialist rule. The new Prime Minister, Jose Maria Aznar, defines his government as centrist but has chosen a strongly conservative and Catholic team.

Mr Aznar is flanked by two vice-presidents, Rodrigo Rato, 47, and Francisco Alvarez Cascos, 48. Mr Rato, a Jesuittrained lawyer with a Berkeley business degree, is also Econ-omy Minister. Mr Alvarez Cas-cos becomes Mr Aznar's political supremo, taking over a beefed-up Prime Minister's office. He has a reputation as

something of a bruiser.

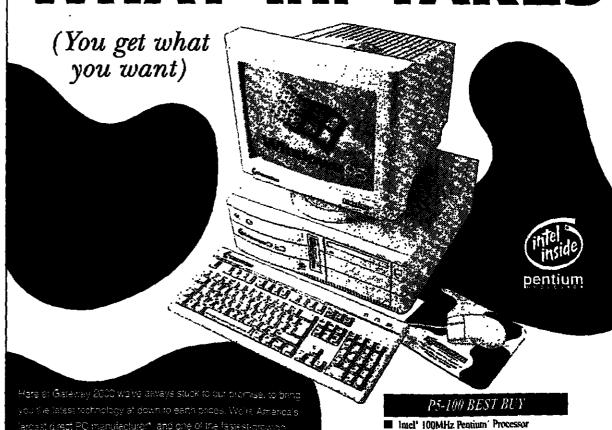
At the Foreign Ministry, Abel Matutes, 54, owner of a bank and one of Spain's richest men. brings experience as an EU commissioner. One of his first ministerial comments was to warn that the economy could be damaged by jumping into En-rope's single currency too soon-Jaime Mayor Oreja takes

over an Interior Ministry split from the Justice portfolio, with the challenge of stopping Basque terrorism. Mr Mayor Oreja, who built up the PP in the Basque country, is well placed to attempt the task, and is credited with bringing in the five MPs of the Basque Nationalist Party behind Mr Aznar.

Mr Aznar's team comes from nucleus of young politicians who joined, or founded, the pro-Franco Popular Alliance during Spain's first steps towards democracy, but then ditched the dictator's political legacy.
Four flamboyant women are

included. Isabel Tocino heads a new Environment ministry. Esperanza Aguirre, a Madrid senator, leads the combined ministry of Culture and Edu-cation, while Margarita Mariscal, a right-wing inde-pendent magistrate, heads the Justice ministry. Loyola de Pala-cio, the former PP parliamentary spokeswoman, takes over

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By yesterday, however, Ger-Rao clings to straws in a face of election oblivion

It was the last campaign raily in India's marathon general elections for the prime minister, Narasimha Rao, and possibly his last ever. The crowd was sparse; the rows of empty seats in the Jammu stadium glared out at as he lectured like a dusty, old schoolmaster who had long ago lost his pupils' attention.

A had week, indeed, for Mr Rao. At rallies from Bihar to Jammu more people turned up to see his helicopter than him. Four opinion polls predict that in the three rounds of general elections - which end today -Mr Rao's once-mighty Congress Party will fare worse than it ever has since independence. And, to top it off, his personal guru, Chandraswamy, was arrested on charges of fraud, in which the prime minister, too, has been tainted.

Yet Mr Rao seems unflappable. Reporters on the premier's airplane back from Jammu found him combative. He clings to the slender possibility that the Congress Party, even in disarray, may be able to coment together a coalition government, with the leftists and some of the regional parties. Mr Rao, who is 74 and has gether a government, it will be Congress's turn. Even then, Mr Rao may find himself dumped.

a history of heart ailments, be-lieves that he, again, could be-come prime minister.

As Mr Rao figures it, the third-placed National Front-Left Front (NF-LF) – a loose and often loopy assortment of communists, socialists, regional strongmen, and parties representing Muslims and those Hindus on the bottom of India's social hierarchy - will never hook up with the BJP. The leftists accuse the BJP of brewing up an incendiary mix of politics

and Hindu chauvinism. Mr Rao is gambling that, eventually, the leftists will turn to Congress - and to him - to stop the BIP from enforcing their Hindu revivalism on India. The odds are against Mr Rao. The BJP, led by Atal Behari Vainayee, a gifted orator who is probably the Hindu party's sole liberal, may sweep as many as 200 out of the 543 seats in the Lok Sabha, according to some forecasts. If so, the BJP may succeed in patching together its own coalition with the extremist Shiv Sena in Maharashtra,

the Sikh Akali Dal in Punjab and a few scattered MPs in Haryana and Andhra Pradesh. If the BJP cannot put to-

Many leaders within the rag-tag NF-LF have vowed never to hitch up with Congress while Mr Rao remains in charge. The NF-LF blames Mr Rao for the destruction of a 16th century mosque in Ayodhya by Hindu militants and selling out to western multi-national compamestern muni-nanonal compa-nies in his attempts to liberalise India's rusty socialist economy. Jaipal Reddy, a spokesman from one of the NF-LF's par-ties, put it bluntly: "If

Narasimha Rao is not the leader, we are prepared to do business with the Congress." Meanwhile, Congress mem-

bers have lost all sense of decorum. Expecting a rout in the polls, some are baying for Mr Rao's departure as party president. Others are plotting the return of Congress renegades such as Madhavrao Scindia and Arjun Singh in Madhya Pradesh, NT Tiwari in Uttar Pradesh, and P Chidambaram in Tamil Nadu. Within Congress, a replacement for Mr Rao is

also already being sought.

As Vir Sanghvi, a columnist in the weekly Sunday, opined, To hope, as Mr Rao does, that he survives while the Congress dies, is foolish. He has guided the Congress to these depths. And if it sinks, he will drown

Brother defends Serb accused of Omarska terror

Kozarac — Mladen Tadic tells his story well, his phrases polished in interview after interview, his sincerity total. He is a walking PR campaign for his brother, Dusko, who goes on trial today at the Hague charged with crimes against humanity – specifically the torture and murder of Muslim men held at Omarska, a prison camp set up by the Bosnian Serbs in the summer of 1992 to hold the victims

of "ethnic cleansing". Dusan Tadic, his brother says, has Muslim friends (the charges include an allegation that he murdered one such friend) and even spoke out against the thugs looting and burning Muslim property in his home town, Kozarac.

"He is totally innocent," Bosko, a middle-aged man wearing an electric-purple shell suit, said. They say that all those houses that are not destroyed were saved by him. He protected them?

Perhaps he did, though, if so, his efforts came to nought. Virtually every house in Muslim, stands gutted and abandoned, torched to ensure that the inhabitants who escaned would never come back. Along the main street, lined with flowering chestnut trees, only a few buildings stand, those belonging to Serbs.
One is the café that once be-

longed to Dusko, now run by Mladen. A piebald pig reaps for scraps beside the wooden tables that stand outside and three surly soldiers play pool at an outdoor table. They are not from Kozarac, and their unfriendly demeanour suggests they have been sent to keep an

eye on Mladen The local authorities and in particular the police chief in nearby Prijedor are not happy, Miaden says, with the Tadics' campaign to clear Dusko. "Normal people, our neighbours, our friends, are supporting us as much as they can," he said. However the people who should be helping us the most are not giving us any support."

As Dusan Tadic's trial starts, his brother tells Emma Daly he is no war criminal

cause Dusan, a local official, "knew what was actually happening here". And when he tried to protect the town from the upheaval, Mladen says, Dusan was press-ganged and sent to the front. He escaped and is now wanted for descriton by the Serbs in Bosnia.

"He's accused by the Serbs of being a deserter and by the Muslims of being a war criminal. That's a contradiction, Mladen said, firmly. The allegations of torture and murder are probably true he admits: but his brother is the victim of mistaken identity. "There is one



will prove his innocence

man here who looks like Dusko's twin and I think he is the one," Mladen explained. "But he has the full protection of the police."

One plank of the Tadic defence is that Dusan was never at Omarska; he certainly did not work there as a guard, but that is an element that makes the allegations vet more heinous. The war crimes tribunal contends that Dusan tortured for fun, that he turned up at Omarska looking for a twisted good time. He is accused of forcing one prisoner to bite off the testicles of another; the second man died.

Dusan has spent a year in

This, Mladen claims, is be-solitary confinement at a purpose-built prison block in Schevenginen, "He can hardly wait to get the trial started. He is really looking forward to it," said Miaden, who has to visit another brother in the city of Banja Luka to connect with Dusan's weekly phone calls.
"He is confident he will prove

his innocence." So far neither Dusan's wife, Mira, or his two brothers still in Bosnia, have raised the money for a plane ticket to the Hague, Mladen said. Dusan's expertise in karate - the café is filled with black-and-white photos of Dusan and Mladen in karate kit - has stood him in good stead over the past twelve months, Mladen said.

"He has good living conditions at The Hague, including a gym where he can exercis That has kept him going because you can imagine what it is like to live alone in the jail," he added. "There are some days when he is in a very good mood but other times he is down and he cannot understand for example why none of the local officials will help his case." The official Serb line

towards the tribunal has gradually changed, from outright hostility (it was set up as part of the supposed global conspiraagainst Serbs) to demands that it investigate crimes committed against Serbs. But there is no acknowledgement yet that the war-crimes process is a necessary precursor to a real peace in Bosnia

Still, a few people in Kozarac, the kind of sleepy, small town that ought to exist in happy obscurity, will admit to the need for some justice. "All those who acted in an evil way towards other human beings, who killed or raped, should face the tribunal, be they Serbs, Muslims or Croats," Mladen said. "If my brother is guilty he should stand trial. But he is not guilty."

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Ancient city pays the price of peace

table wonder of the East, the Tai Mahai, Petra transcends all that the late-20th century can throw at it: mass tourism, hustling salesmen and bad poetry. The Graeco-Roman tombs and temples hewn in the living rock by Nabatean traders 21 centuries ago, still surprise and humble travellers to the desert

ghost town. Since Jordan made peace with Israel in 1994, the trickle of visitors has grown to a stampede, from 700 a day to 4,000: Israelis by the busload, but more often foreigners taking in both flanks of the Holy Land. The government has given up trying to limit the daily influx of

When I was last here, two

Travellers in their thousands make the pilgrimage to Petra, writes Eric Silver

bedouin township of Wadi Mussa (population 22,000) boasted three hotels. Now it has 32, fourand five-star and still building, not to mention "Petra Burger joints and T-shirt shops offering 25 per cent discounts in Hebrew. Land values have soared from about £2,000 an acre to £200,000. The town's 3,500 houses are being painted Petrapink by order of Queen Noor.

"In the summer," said a local guide, Mahmoud, a bedouin with a masters degree in electrical engineering, "the people here used to take their goats and tents into the hills and become nomads again. This year they're

Dean Burgon, an obscure

19th-century Anglican, bymned Petra as "a rose-red city half as old as time". More prosaically, Mahmond counts 15 different coloured stripes, traces of untapped minerals, in the sandstone caves and cliffs. Edward Lear's travelling cook described it as a place "where everything is chocolate, ham, curry powder and salmon". A British archaeologist, Crystal Bennet, chided him for leaving out the vanilla

ice cream and blueberries. You can travel to the site quite simply - by bus or hired car from Amman (125 miles down the Desert Highway) or Aqaba (75 miles). There are also day trips from Agaba's twin Israeli Red Sea resort of Eilat. Yet Petra itself remains a challenge. Vehicles are banned. From

the government tourism centre, you ride a horse, walk or take a buggy through a dark, dry, narrowing ravine that rears to 200ft on either side, then opens with a shock of revelation on the sun-drenched pink façade of the Treasury", 135ft high by 75ft wide, with its exquisitely carved pillars and pediments, domes, decapitated gods and eagles. "This is the way every city should greet its visitors, marvelled an architect member

To the west, the Treasury plaza broadens into a stonestrewn valley with more temples cut in the walls on either side all façades, with square, rain-

behind them. The Nabatean merchants built to impress, but lived more modestly.

The Romans, who followed them, added an amphitheatre and a paved and pillared road, the Byzantines a monastery. King Hussein's contribution, a scatter of coffee shops and at least one public lavatory housed inside a cave with water mysteriously on tap - manages not to intrude.

Petra is built on scale which absorbs the multitude of visitors exploring on foot in the desiccating heat. From the Nabatean "High Place", 900 steps up the mountainside, their figures ap-pear tiny, Lilliputian. Two thousand years after it was hewn from the cliff-face. Petra still dwarfs the modern world.

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Bahrain opposition says protester was shot

Manama — Bahrain's main opposition group said that a man shot by masked security officers during protests had died of his wounds.

The development could find any converse had died of his wounds. The development could fuel anti-government rioting in the Gulf in Rock Point, Maryland, writes island-state. The opposition said Fadhil Abbas Machoon, 25, was | John Carlin. shot and taken away by security men on Friday night at the Shiite Muslim village of Karzakkan, about 15 miles from the capi-

Romanians feel surrounded by rats

Bucharest — Rats outnumber people in Bucharest by 10-to-one but they are way behind cockroaches at 200-to-one and mosquitoes at 100-to-one, according to statistics in an environmental magazine The numbers reported have made 2.3 million Bucharest residents fearful of stray dogs, put at one per 10 people. Reuter

Father of the Exocet missile dies at 87 Paris - A Retired five-star General, Jean Crepin, a pioneer in the development of Franco-German weapons and a "father" of the famed Exocet missile died at the weekend, aged 87. Reuter

Chirac rolls out welcome mat for Hassan Paris -- France rolled out the red carpet for King Hassan of Morocco. President Jacques Chirac welcomed the monarch at Orly airport with full military honours at the start of a two-day state visit during which Hassan will become only the third foreign leader. to address France's National Assembly.

Iran's smokers guarded from persecution Tehran - Iran's parliament on Sunday withdrew a law it passed banning smoking in public places because of opposition from the Guardian Council, which vets parliament decisions before they take effect It ruled the law was unconstitutional.

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Latvian coalition frays at the edges

Riga — The first crack appeared in Latvia's unwieldy coalition, when Prime Minister Andris Shkele sacked his farm minister, Albert Kauls, a former hardline Communist.

Americans confer over illegal immigrants Mexico City — Mexico and the US opened a meeting to extend economic co-operation into the more delicate areas of illegal immigration and drug trafficking. Secretary of State Warren Christopher led the US delegation. Reuter

Pledge to send Bosnians home fuels row

Bonn — Human rights groups and opposition politicians accused interior ministers in Germany's 16 states of shirking responsibility for the fate of 320,000 Bosnian refugees they want to start sending home in July. The state ministers decided Germany would start repatriating refugees from 1 July.

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Murdoch's screen ambition conyested

Sydney — Rupert Murdoch's screen ambitions conested Sydney—Rupert Murdoch won government approval to open a £65m 20th Century Fox studio at Sydney's historic showground site, but local residents vowed to fight the decision.

Nato and WEU agree to swap secrets Brussels — Nato and the Western European Union, its European arm, exchanged an accord to help the Europeans play a bigger role in their own defence. The agreement gives the WEU access to classified documents and communications codes.

Turks' search for hotel ends in hot water Dnipropetrovsk - Two Turkish businessmen were detained in Ukraine for causing a disturbance and "accosting young women," after getting lost on the subway. They did not speak Ukrainian or Russian, and began approaching passers by for help, showing handwritten signs which they thought indicated the name of their hotel and the nearest subway station. They had carefully copied down the letters from signs, but failed to understand them. One said: "Sorry, no vacancies," and the other said: "Entrance." AP

Colby's body is found

The body of William Colby, the 1973 to 1976, disappeared after

Mr Colby, 76, who ran the CIA's covert operations in Viet-nam and was CIA director from

Police said they did not suspect any crime. It was thought Mr Colby was alive when he fell into the water but suffered hypothermia and drowned.





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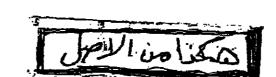
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Shirley on the scaffold

The District Auditor's final verdict on Westminster council may rob John Major of his majority. David Walker reports

L poised. At last - after having announced his judgement on Westminster council in January 1994 and then having gone back and considered it all once again - John Magill has Shirley Porter and colleagues on the scaffold. Come Thursday, barring last-minute judicial intervention, her head looks likely to fall under a multi-million pound

surcharge and disqualification.
At this low ebb in Tory fortunes, the Westminster council scandal hands another hefty piece of ammunition to Labour. The auditor's conclusions will be natched with those of Sir Richard Scott's Iraq report. Put as a martyr to the Tory state.

Take the bespectacled figure the Tories cannot be trusted with power. More subtly - since both Scott and Magill were called in to tidy up after that late Eightes period of Tory hegemony when arrogant politicians gave ittle thought to the niceties of proper procedure - the lesson is hat the more politicians feel hey walk on water, the more

langerous they get. The Westminster affair is also to do with amateurism and political paranoia. Lady Porter was always an exotic. She came ate to politics and never really inderstood, let alone sympahised with, the local demoratic system. Her fate con-irms, perhaps unhappily, that modern British politics is a place for specialists alone.

As a local authority, the City of Westminster has a specific character, from which one should not generalise too far. It is the only council to have a per-manent Security Service liaison. (Westminster's permission is needed to allow MI5 to check manholes on the routes around Buckingham Palace.)Letting City Hall in Victoria fall into Labour hands seemed akin to giving away the Crown Jewels.

Lady Porter was genuinely anxious prior to the 1992 London boroughs election; her worry about Labour taking over precipitated (says the auditor) the illegal policy of weeding out those who rented council property and the homeless.

To understand why, it has to be remembered that she came account into politics when London said - had no option but to Labour was at its most extreme. Though Westminster Labour has always been a mixed and rather moderate bunch, what she saw on looking at the Opposition benches was the potential triumph of Ken Livingstone.

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Lady Porter, rich as she is, well-lawyered as she is, can defend her own reputation. The voters of Paddington, Mayfair and Pimlico will have the chance in 1998 to vote out those of whom they disapprove - though on past form Tory dominance in Westminster will continue. Is it all just another PR disaster for

The District Auditor's axe is Brian Mawhinney and crew to

try to sweep up? There is more to Westminster than that. The Opposition will tout Tory ineptitude, yes, but there are bigger issues. For a party committed to cutting government and reducing its power, what Westminster exposes is the extent of the Tories' failure to master the mechanics of government (and there is a warning there for Labour). Lady Porter has been skewered not by socialist leg-islation or some Labour plot. but a system created and strengthened by Conservative ministers. If she falls, it will be

Take the bespectacled figure of John Magill, now Lady Porter's nemesis. District Anditors were never meant to prosecute Tory councillors. The District Audit Service was established by Neville Cham-berlain in the 1920s to ensure that cloth-capped Labour councillors did not spend too much ratepayers' money. They were intended to do what Chris Woodhead hopes HM Inspectors of Schools will do - swoop down and wield the rod.

By and large that is what the auditors did. It was the District Auditor who killed municipal socialism - and inadvertently helped to make the world safe for new Labour - by surcharg-ing and disqualifying Ted Knight in Lambeth and Derek Hatton in Liverpool.

It was the Conservatives who created the Audit Commission - under the auspices of which the auditors work - to tighten up procedures. And to bring in the private sector. Imagine: John Magill is only an auditor on contract; he works in the City for Ernst & Young, a company grown fat during the Tory years. According to the Tory script, auditors were needed for Camden and Southwark and Labour big spenders. As for Tory councils, auditors would check the books for trivial hand-in-the-till corruption, then sign off. But when Labour objected to Westminster's annual accounts, John Magili whatever his conservative es may have

investigate in depth. What he discovered required him to make a powerful judgement on the motives that elected politicians bring to their committees and cabals. To understand what he has done in Westminster, you would have to imagine the National Audit Office arraigning Lady Thatcher for going ahead with privatisation on the grounds that it would create a predisposition on the part of voters to vote Tory.

To her horror, Lady Porter has been put in the dock for wanting,



Dame Shirley Porter: if she falls, it will be as a martyr to the Tory state

Westminster decided, according to the auditor's provisional report, to do some social engineering, using the borough's housing stock. In principle, it is what umpteen Labour councillors have sought to do, more or less consciously, by building council estates in traditionally Tory areas. The Cabinet archives for the early Fifties show that Harold Macmillan had similar thoughts in trying to steer the location of his massive hous-

ing programme. In Westminster, the Porter group sought to get rid of renters and bring in owners. Her sale of council housing was

physically, to ensconce the Tory perfectly legal. The problem is position in Westminster. In the not really even the impact of Lady Porter and colleagues. All late Eighties, the clique running the designated sales policy for denied access to the flats being sold off and forced (at Westminster's expense) into shortrun accommodation.

The auditor has found - provisionally, at least, until Thursday - that the councildesignated sales policy was contrary to law because it was designed with party advantage in mind. If you ask who made that law, the answer is the Conservatives have authored more than 100 pieces of local government legislation during the

past 17 years. Thursday is not by any

means the end of the road for his final judgement: he then has to go to court to get a judge ered and bureaucrat (even a privateto make an order of surcharge sector bureaucrat on contract) and disqualification. Magill vs

Porter could run and run. It will run on into the philosophy books as well as the legal texts. Once upon a time, the Tories' intellectual pin-up was Fritz von Hayek, who wrote persuasively about the need to limit government - he was, he never tired of telling them, a liberal, never a conservative. The Austrian would have a problem with Westminster. On the one hand, he would find appealing the idea cracy if applied to Parliament?

of legal restraints on what politicians can do. On the other, the fact that those restraints have been "discov-

would alarm him. Magill has come up with a doctrine that at its starkest says: thou shalt not pursue party advantage in government. It is one that would probably win a hearty public endorsement even if - or perhaps because - taken to its logical conclusion it spells the end of party politics. Many would welcome that result in the town and county halls, but what would it entail for British demo-

Key players in the Westminster affair

Shirley Porter

Heiress to the fortune of her father, Tesco founder Jack Cohen. She became Leader of Westminster Council in 1983 and ruled with determination and zeal until 1991. Always a controversial figure, she gained notoriety after selling the city's cemeteries for 5p each. She has also been criticised after it was revealed that the council housed homeless families in asbestos-riddled tower blocks. The Barratt report found carlier this year that the council had known that the blocks were laden with asbestos since 1982. It spoke of "improper objectives and ... known ashestos

risks being overridden". She responded from her home in the United States that she felt the report "utterly disproved the wild and monstrous allegation made by the Labour Party that homeless people were deliberately put at risk".

But it is this week's Magili report which contains the most serious allegations: that her council planned the sale of council houses in marginal wards to win the 1990 council elections, at an estimated cost to the taxpayer of £21m.

She now lives mainly in Israel, though she has homes in Florida and London.

Margaret **Thatcher**

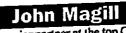
Alleged to have been informed of the on-going "homes for votes" plan while Westminster Torics were considering it in 1986. Lady Porter wrote to her: "Unless something can be done, it will be very difficult for us to keep Westminster Conservative".



Then Lady Porter's chief whip, now a Conservative MP and a member of the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee. If he is surcharged by the auditor, he might become bankrupt and be forced to resign as an MP, robbing the Government of its majority of

David Weekes

Alleged to have been the third member of a council triumvirate involving Porter and Legg which, the provisional Magill report suggested, master-minded the alleged "homes for votes" scheme. Like Dame Shirley and Mr Legg, he faces the possibility of being surcharged as a result



A senior partner at the top City accountants Ernst & Young. Seconded from the private sector to work as District Auditor. His provisional report in 1994 accused Westminster Council of "gerrymandering" and described council policy as "disgraceful, improper and unlawful".





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Opera headhunters zoom in on the zoo

My man in the crush bar at Covent Garden tells me that the Royal Opera House is having a
Götterdämmerung of a time finding a new general director to succeed Jeremy Isaacs next year.

It appears that front-runners such as Brian McMaster (Edinburgh Festival and ex-Weish National Opera), Anthony Whitworth-Jones (Glyndebourne) and even the ROH's own opera director, Nick Payne, have turned the job down. Others, like one very eminent international opera director, have been told with touching diplomacy that they are not being offered the job, but to stand by in case someone better doesn't turn up.

ln desperation, the interviewing panel (the current chairman, Sir Angus Stirling; his successor, Peter Gummer, and the board members Baroness Blackstone and Sir James Spooner - not a professional opera/ballet figure among them) have turned to a firm of headhunters. Their recommendation? Dr Jonathan Gipps, the 48-year-old director of

London Zoo. Dr Gipps is not instantly recognisable as diva-friendly, but perhaps his book The Ecology Of Woodland Rodents may well have allusions to the backstage conditions at Covent Garden.

A good line in beef, but where's the joke?

How not to handle the beef crisis. A series of brief, easy-to-follow lessons by Lord Lucas, the Government's spokesman in the House of Lords, drawing on his personal experience at a Back British Beef luncheon in Ashford, Kent, hosted by the National Farmers' Union and attended by representatives from every sector of the beef industry.

L Tell the assembled slaughterers, farmers, renderers and auctioneers all completely mystified as to how the destruction of cattle over 30 months old is going to work, two days into the

scheme - that you know they are confused, but it's "hard cheese, the most important thing is that the scheme is up and running", even if

only on paper. 2. Point out that Ashford has had three cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the human equivalent of BSE. And how terrible it is, just as the 270 guests are tucking into their £16a-head rib of beef.

3. When joking that they have been expecting Lord Lucan, by misreading the "n" at the end of his name for an "s", remark: "There's someone who knew a thing or two about culling

4. Expect to get a laugh. (It is possible you might be disappointed on 3.)



Secret desires of Labour women

There are some odd searet fantasies to be found in today's issue of She magazine, whiere celebrifies say which film roles they hanker after. Anthea magazine, whiere celebrifies say which film roles they hanker after. Anthea magazine, where celebrifies say which film roles they hanker after. Anthea magazine, where says in restaurants. This would be impossible, of too, like making a scene in restaurants. This would be impossible, of too, like making a scene in restaurants. This would be impossible, of course, as that was the scene of the lake orgasin, and there is nothing fake course. As that the scene desires of two Labour about Miss firmer. More delievable are the scene desires of two Labour women. Clare Short chooses to the heroine of Linle Women—there were women. Clare Short chooses to the heroine of Linle Women—there were no men in the house right) chooses Theima (Geena Davis, above left) from Kinnock MEP (above right) chooses Theima (Geena Davis, above left) from the film Theima mad Loudist, because the proved how much inner strength women who are written off can find. The result, I recall, was a brief life of crime followed by suicide. Most encouraging.

Mad cows and **English** theatre

Mad cow disease does have one virtue. It can be used as the scapegoat for anything. Rupert Rhymes, chief executive of the Society of London Theatres, moans in the Stage newspaper under the front-page headline BSE blamed for West End slump': "We and other organisations are readjusting our projections for the number of tourists coming in this year. Terrorism is a factor in the short-term and so are health scares, which are affecting people from mainland Europe. With BSE, they are wondering whether it is safe to eat British food." And there was I, unschooled in the complexities of the tourist and meat trades, thinking there just weren't many good shows on at the moment.

Drummer gags. You can't beat 'em

The viola players may be the joke section of the symphony orchestra, as I observed yesterday. But I see the world of rock music has its own target, the drummers. The June edition of Q Magazine supplies the

top 10 drummer jokes. Example: What's the last thing a drummer says in a band? "Hey guys, why don't we try one of my songs?

In the main, though, it seems to be poor old Ginger Baker (above), once of the supergroup Cream, who has become the fall guy: What is the difference between a chiropodist and Ginger Baker? A chiropodist bucks up your feet. Ginger Baker fans should write to Q Magazine direct.

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I spy with very good reason

Morland cigarettes have long disappeared, Aston Martin belongs to foreigners, but James Bond is still out there doing his stuff, and sometimes - as yesterday - getting caught. Shaken, but not stirred, some of Britain's finest have been ordered out of Moscow following the arrest of a Russian who was allegedly working for MI6.

Nobody will confirm that any of the diplomats stepping on to the British Airways plane at Sheremetevo are operatives of the Secret Intelligence Service, of course; nor will Moscow confirm, when Britain responds (as it surely will), that the people climbing aboard Aeroflot at Heathrow are spies. But at least some of

This may all seem like the most colossal waste of time, money and effort. We send out our chaps (and, increasingly, chapesses), they send out theirs, both spend valuable hours opening each others mail, then everybody gets thrown out of the country and we start all over again.

Why spy? With all the information that is so readily available, with the end of the Cold War, with the retreat from empire, why bother with all this expensive nonsense? The answer is that it is not nonsense. If anything, more should have been spent on intelligence over the past decade. It might have helped in the Gulf, in the Falklands and in Russia itself had we understood a little more of what was going on in advance.

But why spy on Russia? Because it still possesses a prodigious military capacity, and uses it in ways that concern Britain (such as its activities in Azerbaijan, where BP has extensive interests). It still has the ability to spring surprises, by threatening to pull out of important arms control treaties, for instance. Its relations with other nations, in particular China and some Middle Eastern countries, are a diate future.

matter of concern. Russia is also the source of a large amount of organised crime and money laundering. And Russia, as we have been told by MI6's friends in MI5, spies on us (so we spy on them,

But there is more to this latest incident than the usual "I spy a spy" tango. We are no longer on the terrace of the Casino Royale; this is the post-Cold War world.

The expulsions have been handled in an unusually high-profile way, which means that Moscow is making a heavyhanded point to foreign intelligence agencies and governments: don't mess with us. The Russians are also making a point to their own internal agencies; that good relations with the West don't preclude the smack of firm government, on occasion. And it is also making a point to Russian voters, ahead of next month's election: this is a regime that is prepared to get

tough with those rascally foreigners.

The general drift in Russian attitudes over the past two years has been to re-assert the nation's place, opposing Nato expansion, for instance, and playing an increasingly tough game in diplomatic negotiations. Since Yevgetty Primakov took over as Foreign Minister - he was formerly head of the foreign intelligence service - the intelligence agencies in Russia have got something of a new lease of life. Mr Primakov has also started to redirect foreign policy, carving out a new and more assertive role for Russia in the Middle East and Asia.

As the elections approach, and as Russia pulls itself out of the post-Soviet malaise that has bedevilled any coherent policy, that assertive trend is likely to strengthen. We have good reason to worry about Russia. It follows that this is, after all, a good time to be gleaning the best intelligence we can find on its imme-

MPs need cutting down to size

T t has been a long time since our ancient democracy had a lesson to learn from Spain's recently revived version, but that day has come. Jose Maria Aznar, the comtry's new Prime Minister, has started with the kind of downsizing that many a corporate high-flier would be proud to emblazon on his fuselage, Indeed . Senor Aznar has started at the very top - by downsizing his cabinet to a mere 14 members.

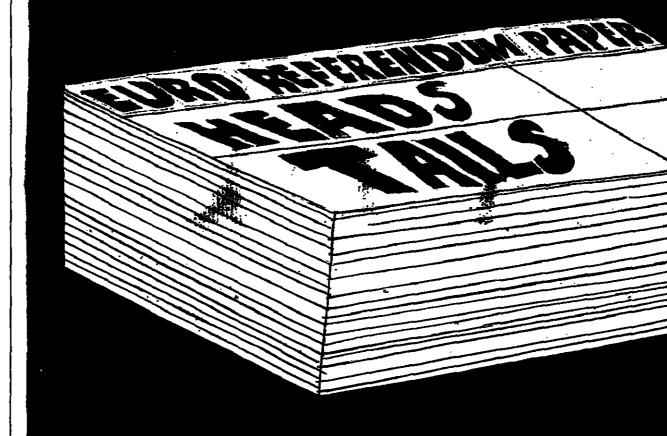
Britain's cabinet has 22 members, all of whom sit down once a week around that grand table in Number 10, or more often in a crisis. Many serve an obvious purpose - Home Secretary, Foreign Secretary, Chancellor, etc. But most of the others are really like the tail end of an international football squad, only really needed when the injury list grows too long. In reality, fewer than 10 cabinet ministers actually make the big decisions - often as few as half a dozen.

And that team is bolstered by a further 16 ministers of state, mini-ministers and the like, all of whom inhabit tidy little burrows in the Whitehall warren. Over the past decade or so, those ministers have done much to cut down the bureaucrats who serve them, hiving some off into arm's-length agencies and cutting others out altogether. But has the number of ministers gone down in similar propor-

tion? Not a bit. The truth is, most of the smaller Whitehall bag-carriers have very little to do, apart from flatter and favour their departmental boss in the hope of subsequent advancement. Supposedly, they are in training, or under trial, for one of the big jobs. In reality, however, many of them are having their support bought in return for the odd trip in a ministerial car, and the dubious glamour and kodos of belonging to HMG. Every vote that the Prime Minister manages to lock up on his front benches, and in the whip's office, the fewer he has to worry about keeping on side when things get tough.

It seems like a persuasive argument, until you consider the old advice given by one junior minister to those who followed him, to the effect that there were only two reasons for being a junior minister: one was to give you a handhold on the greasy pole; the other was to find a good excuse to resign spectacularly, and so make your name for the next government.

So there is precious little case for having so many ministers, apart from the fact that you need a good proportion of your side in the Government. Well, there is an easy answer to that: cut the number of MPs. Here is a classic case of modern streamlining. Cut the executive layer and you may soon find you do not need so many down below. We could live with, say, 400 to 500 MPs (against the present 650) and still have plenty of voices in Parliament. And there is an incentive: we may even be able to afford to pay and staff MPs' offices better if we have fewer of them. It is time Parliament started cutting itself down to size.



- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Downshifting benefits workers as well as bosses

Sir: In his article "Are you ready to downshift?" (3 May), Stephen Bevan misses the opportunity to give a clear, timely and important message to corporate leaders and concerned employees.

He suggests that downshifting may be regarded sceptically as being driven by business imperatives rather than the desires of the workforce.

In my professional capacity, as an expert in corporate change, I hear an increasing demand, particularly in the banking sector, for more reasonable working hours and an' end of needing to stay late, often without justification, for fear of falling victim to "the first

Tender price is not everything

Sir: Paul Gosling ("The cheaper, the better", 1 May) reported Sir Paul Beresford's and the Department of the Environment's intentions concerning the present compulsory competitive tendering

If "the DoE [takes a] decisive of Film Classification takes artisstep to push councils to award tic merit into account and that it ore out-of-house work by shift- was borne in mind in awarding ing the emphasis from quality to price", this will severely compromise the procurement of quality professional services where precise tender specifications cannot be prepared and the method of delivery is of paramount importance to

ensuring quality of public service. But Sir Paul, as Environment Minister, should already know just how important quality is. His department produced that excellent discussion document Quality in Town and Country, promoted enthusiastically at seminars attended by his Secretary of State, John Gummer. Let us hope that the DoE adopts compatible and integrated policies on the environment and associated professional services procurement so that we can really celebrate the millennium.

DAVID YORKE Chairman Royal Institute of British Architects, Northwest Region Knutsford, Cheshire

one seen to leave will be the first downshifting to create a flexible one asked to leave".

Employers have focused for too long simply on getting more out of their people, rather than more out of the "man hours" they are paying for. Downshifting is an option worth serious consideration, for at present many employers do not feel valued, their selfesteem is damaged and inevitably their performance has suffered.

The article rightly stresses the importance of developing self-esteem and psychological wellbeing, along with a sense of trust

and security. I firmly believe that business needs, and workforce preferences,

can both be well served by using

and committed workforce. JEREMY GLYN

Sir: A survey from the Federation of Small Businesses highlights the disturbing phenomenon of the "jobless recovery". More than 82 per cent of small firms plan to create no new jobs in the next three months, in spite of appar-

ent economic recovery.

Many employers claim that increased deregulation and flexibility enable them to hire people more easily. Yet the economic sector which is supposed to pro-

vide significant employment

growth tells us not to expect any new jobs. Although official unemployment figures have shown a fall over the past few years, that The Self-Esteem Network, trend may be on the turn. London, SW6

Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, has said Britain is forging ahead in job creation "because the right conditions exist for companies to flourish". A genuine recovery has to include job creation. Companies cannot truly "flourish" in a society where increasing numbers of people are in under-protected, insecure work or have no prospect of employment at all.

other people pretending to has been pointed out many times.

But if we are to have silly rules,

there is no reason not to apply

them across the board. Is her point

the young watching violence in

highbrow drama because the only

JO GARDINER The Industrial Society London W1

. Why give Shakespeare a licence to shock?

Sir. I must take issue with Polly be anything other than an 18. ... yet is deemed to watch Toynbee ("Old enough for the A director has a choice as to other people pretending to has Toynbee ("Old enough for the bloody Bard", 30 April). Why how he or she will portray the vioshould Shakespeare be placed in lence and sex that a script some special category over and demands. They can be as unnecessary in an adaptation of a clasabove all other playwrights, novsic play as of a blockbuster - look not really that it's all right to have elists and scriptwriters whose work finds its way into film? I am at Jarman's Edward II. The name of Shakespeare or Marlowe or quite sure that the British Board Ian McKellen cannot somehow ones who will want to are our own, magic away the harmful effects (if nice, middle-class children who any) of on-screen violence. Richard III a 15 certificate. A film featuring graphic violence help expose the absurdities of the and explicit oral sex (even off current system. The fact that a 16-

Zulu boy a victim Fragile revival in Bosnia of 'apartheid'

Sir: The forcible separation of a Zulu child from the only family he knows and loves ("My Zulu boy was legally abducted", 6 May), presents us with the incongruity of apartheid now being officially applied in Britain after having been dismantled in South

Ever ready to level the charge of hypocrisy at Britain, the hardline right wing of Afrikaner nationalism can be expected to make full use of the signal this outrage transmits to Africa and

> PS KELLETT Kinlochewe, Ross and Cromarty

can be trusted to resist its baleful Polly Toynbee's article does influence? camera) would not normally year-old can legally have real sex

But an immense amount remains to be tackled. Ethnic hatreds persist. The armies are

Sir: I have just returned from a visit to Bosnia, where Feed The

Children has been operating throughout the war and is still working hard. There are visible achievements

in Bosnia. Thanks to I-For, the armies have been separated and are in their barracks, and there are signs of a gradual return to normal life. It is now possible to travel freely the length and breadth of the country, as I have just done. With the coming of spring, people are busy digging, ploughing and sowing crops, and there is much house-repairing going ou.

still there. Factories are in ruins.

Tax law and pension funds

Sir. Following the article "NAPF chief proposes to end tax free nest eggs" (3 May), I wish to clarify NAPF's position in regard to changes in the tax treatment of retirement lump sums and investment income. In most UK schemes, the current taxation system provides advantage for the scheme members at the point of retirement whereas an improvement in the tax treatment of investment income would usually pass on to the employer. That could be inequitable.

The current regime is entirely defensible because schemes invest heavily in UK equities and the current combination of ACT and mainstream corporation tax, where both are payable, results in an effective tax rate of 16.66 per cent on distributable earnings. Even before the iniquitous change in 1993, dropping ACT to 20 per cent, the effective rate of tax was 11.11 per cent. It is wrong to claim that pension funds are truly tax free. In essence we pay tax on part of our investment income and it is therefore entirely justifiable that part of our benefits are tax-free. NAPF has not proposed any changes to this structure, nor does it intend to.

Tom Ross Chairman National Association of Pension Funds Limited

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minefields are everywhere. Many thousands, not least children, are living in the most miserable

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conditions. The wounds need time to heal. It would be tragic if all that has been achieved by Dayton and I-For, which is costing millions, were to be thrown away through a premature slackening of international concern. A particular focus must be the restoration of schools and kindergartens, many of which have been damaged, often destroyed. Success would help to produce the "peace dividend which is badly needed. MARTIN EWANS

Chairman Feed the Children Reading, Berkshire

Vacuum at the political apex

Sir: It is entirely appropriate that your leading article (3 May) which attacks Michael Howard's judicial abuses is adjacent to the Letters section, which includes comments about the lack of democracy in London and Mohamed al-Fayed's interest in wide-ranging consti-tutional reform. While the Independent's criticism of the Home Secretary is to be applauded, it should place his misdemeanours in the proper context. Calling the Government arrogant misses the point. The question all of us should be asking is, how can they keep getting away with it? The answer, as Mr Fayed has realised, is that there is nothing

to prevent them. Supporters of the monarchy argue that it does not matter that the head of state is unelected because he/she does not have any power. There is a political vacuum at the apex of our democ- grandiose. racy. The only check on government power is the judiciary itself a self-appointed clique and supra-national bodies.

Wide-ranging constitutional teform, such as that outlined by Editor, and include a daytime Mr Fayed, needs to be implemented as soon as possible.

Red beef is safe to eat

Sir: This nightmare of pan about beef and the resultant co policy (report, 2 May) which w not get rid of BSE is caused confusion due to the use of the word "beef" in all official proci mations.

HEW HARR

"Beef" includes meat produc on the one hand and the re meat on the other. It is vital important to understand thr the red meat of BSE-infecte cattle has never transmitted th disease in any of the extensiv experiments carried out over th years, whereas the brains an cords ("specified offal") - which still go into meat pies, pates tinned items and stock cubes -

This, after all, has been our experience over the centuries with the original disease in sheep -scrapie: we have caten scrapieinfected red meat with impunity because we were never forced willy-nilly to eat sheep's brains. Unlike cattle brains they were never removed from the skull to be added to our "meat products".

The assumption that muscle tissue must be infected since it contains nerves is neither supported by facts nor is it in keeping with other "slow virus" diseases of the central nervous system in which the disease process stops short at the surface of the spinal cord and never involves the peripheral nerves.

In other words, we could live with BSE, as we have done with scrapie for centuries, as long as we are not forced to swallow infected material in meat products. Our message to the world should be: "The red meat of British cattle is safe."

H C GRANT FRCP Neuropathologist

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Sir: Which is less justifiable, the ritual slaughter of sheep for religious reasons (report, 29 April), the carcasses being eaten, or the slaughter of tens of thousands of cows for commercial reasons, the carcasses being incinerated?

Societies truly compassionate towards animals would not so readily accept the condemnation of sheep slaughter, which at least conforms to deeply held convictions, while accepting the proposed massacre of healthy cows on the basis of commercial pressure but equivocal scientific evidence about bealth hazards.

A compassionate society would not accept that the only reason for a cow to live is to yield RAJ BHOPAL

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Railway for sale

Sir: You report ("Row over Railtrack's 'lost millions' ", 30 April) that Railtrack may need £11bn spent on tunnels and bridge repairs over the next 10 years. Buying shares in Rail-track is a bit like buying a second-hand car off Arthur Daley, except that the scale is more FRANK HOPWOOD

Manchester

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Appliance of science to stripy bow ties

Ever since Melvyn Bragg started being interested in science and having lots of scientists on his Start the Week show, lots of ordinary people have started being interested in science and asking scientific questions that they have never asked before, such as, "Why are there so many scientists on Start the Week and statistically speaking, is it against the odds to have so many, especially geneticists, on the programme?"
The trouble is that there is nowhere

the ordinary person can turn to in order to get the answer to this sort of scientific question, as you will know if you have ever tried ringing up the Start the Week office, which is why I have today hired Dr Vernon Goldtooth, professor of science and media studies at Milton Keynes University, to answer all your science-oriented

queries. Take it away, Vern!

Every spring the earth is laden with blossom from countless cherry trees, not to mention those strange sickly greenyvellow flowers from the springtime sycamore tree. Every autumn the earth is laden with the falling leaves, whirling down dead and discarded by the first fierce winds of numb-fingered Novemher. What I want to know is: Is the earth heavier in spring and autumn because of all this deposited stuff from trees? Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: What



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a ridiculous question, and may I also advise you to go easy on the assonance? The answer is no. The total weight never changes because a leaf weighs the same whether it is on the tree or on the ground. You might as well say that when people travel to the sun for their holidays, the transference of all these people changes the weight distribution of the planet and makes it heavier in certain places. Well, does it?

Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: No. of course it bloody doesn't. The weight of the planet never changes because matter can neither be created nor destroyed.

Who says so? Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: I say so. Every reputable scientist says so. Everyone says so. Go on, then - prove it.

Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: No. I

sion, we would never get anywhere. All right, then - if matter cannot be created or destroyed, can ideas be created and destroyed? Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: In

Well, in the way that ideas become fashionable for a few years and are then exploded. Are they literally exploded? Are they destroyed? Fashion ideas, for

principles every time he had a discus-

Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: Ah, no - fashion ideas are never destroyed, they always come back again. How-ever ridiculous they seem at the time, whether flared jeans, black berets, odd-coloured socks, stripy bow ties or T-shirts saying "Che Guevara". They

always come round again.
What about ideas discussed on 'The Moral Maze' on Radio 4? Aren't they destroyed during the discussion? Or at least left very badly damaged?

Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: Ah, but The Moral Maze is not a programme about ideas. It is a soap opera about four or five people who can't stand each other shut up in a room together. The interest lies in seeing who gets on whose nerves. The other day I came home and my wife said:
"You should have heard The Moral Maze today - Martin Bell, who was won't! If a scientists had to prove basic one of the witnesses, rounded furi-

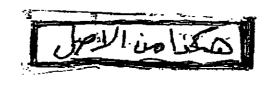
ously on Dr David Starkey, and Starkey hardly spoke again in the rest of the programme!" I asked her what they were arguing about, but she could hardly remember the ideas involved - what had struck her was the personal relationship. You see? We only think it is a discussion programme because it has a name like The Moral Maze. Name-changing changes the nature of the object.

I don't think I quite understand.

Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: Oh,

it happens all the time. Sinn Fein, for example, have always denied any con-nection with the IRA, which rather strains credulity, so the Ulster Union-ists rather wittily have recently taken to referring to Sinn Fein as "Sinn Fein/IRA" as if there were no difference. Similarly, John Prescott has recently started referring to Dr Brian Mawhinney as MISTER Mawhinney, as if Mawhinney were not a real doctor, which indeed he isn't, any more than Mr Ian Paisley is. It may be only a coincidence, but the fortunes of both Sinn Fein and Brian Mawhinney have

gone down since then. Got any questions you would like half-answered? Then send them in to Dr Vernon Goldtooth! And don't forget - Dr Vernon Goldtooth would VERY much like to be invited on to Start the Week'.



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Educational maintenance must be reformed to allow opportunity for all, argues Gordon Brown

There is one clear objective to the review of public expenditure on mour city centres and housing estates. when they attack me is as offensive as young people over the age of 16 that the Labour Party has announced. It is to break the vicious cycle where poor educational qualifications breed unemployment, poverty and social

In the 1990s, every young person should have a skill and qualification. And they should all have work or training. Making sure every individual has a stake in education and employment demands a national crusade for change in which tough choices will have to be made so that we use our resources efficiently and equitably.

Britain still has one of the poorest records among all our major competitors when it comes to young people staying on in higher education.
And we have one of the highest proportions of children leaving school at 16. The latest figures suggest that 30 per cent leave with no qualifications or inadequate grades at GCSE, deprived of the skills a modern economy needs.

The costs of wasting the talents of a lost generation of young people are We see them in unemployment, social division, the loss of economic

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Look around London or any major city today. More than 25 per cent of young men under 25 are without a job. Many of them have never worked in their lives. In London, up to 60 percent of young black men are without work. If we do not act now on behalf

of those who have been shut out and excluded, we will face decades of social division - a vicious circle of dole, alienation and social conflict. The costs of doing nothing are far greater than the cost of taking action. For, at the worst extreme, young people, feeling abandoned and forgotten, drift into crime. One-third of crimes

are committed by those under 21. As

a nation, we end up spending as much on the costs of crime committed by the under-25s as the Government does on youth training. The present system is failing. And the people who lose most are the peo-ple who are already disadvantaged. Eighty per cent of the sons and daugh-ters of the unskilled still leave school

at 16. Some go on to college, but most disappear from full-time education for So for Peter Lilley and John Major

their suggestion that poverty no longer exists. To paraphrase John Redwood, and apply his words to the prospects for thousands of young people, "no change means no chance".

As I said in my John Smith Memorial lecture, meaningful equality of opportunity must be more than some pass-fail event at 16 which defines suc-

Making New Labour's priorities count demands hard choices

cess or failure for ever. Equality of opportunity must mean recurrent, lifelong chances for education and employment – and a clear duty on government to help make this possible.

Old-style equality of opportunity provided a ladder that only a few could climb. A modern definition of equality of opportunity must be a broad highway that people can join throughout their lives. It must mean the continuous creation and re-creation of educational and employment opportunities for all - second, third and fourth chances to succeed. It cannot mean a young person being denied education after 16 because of poverty.

The status quo is not working. And one reason is our unfair and chaotic system of financial support. Even for those lucky enough to be offered col-lege places after 16, there is an untidy and inequitable patchwork of provision. Some receive grants, some do not. And, whatever the Government claims, child benefit does not persuade sufficient numbers of school pupils to

This embarrassing patchwork of educational maintenance must be reformed. Maintenance grants can range from £20 a week to 90 pence or nothing at all. Help has little to do with need, more to do with where you live and whether you can afford to stay on

So we must be bold. It is to persuade more people to stay on at school and achieve greater equality in education that Chris Smith, David Blunkett and I are carrying out our review into the financing of post-16 education - a review agreed by our Economic Policy Commission.

Child benefit will, of course, remain universal for children up to 16 - where it is universal at the moment. But it is not universal for young people from 16 to 18 and never has been. Only half the mothers of 16- to 18-year-olds receive it, and they tend to be from wealthier families. The mother of an unemployed 16-year-old loses it; the mother of an Etonian sixth-former receives £1,500 over three years.

That is why we need change. One option is to upgrade child benefit into a national educational grant for those who need it. Our aim is to make it possible for more to stay on at school or

sible for more to stay on at school or remain in education and ensure that every young person has both a skill and a chance of a job.

Making New Labour's priorities count, I have always said, demands hard choices. Anyone who believes that New Labour is about soft options or easy answers has misunderstood modernisation. And tough choices are needed most of all to solve just about the toughest problem of all - the waste of the talents of a lost generation.

The writer is Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer and Labour MP for Dun-fermline East.

in a certain sense, by Germany"

and lofty continental politicians to pre-

tend that Britain doesn't weigh at all in the grand politics of the EU. But

that is clearly nonsense. We are unquestionably one of the "big three";

and if we left, the balance between

protectionist olive Europe and free-

trading herring Europe (of which we

It is quite possible that the EU

would turn more protectionist, as the

anti-free trade mood continues to

build in different parts of the world.

To regard the new free-trading order

as firmly grounded and irreversible is wrong; the challenges to the free flow of goods from an authoritarian China,

for example, will be numerous. Some

will be couched in human rights terms, some in terms of the need for envi-

However they are couched, though,

France and her followers in the EU

sons. If Britain had left the EU and

really believes that nothing further would follow? We are a little more

important, and a little more threat-

ening, than Norway.
We shouldn't, therefore, see the

beef ban only as a tale of federalist fail-

ure; we should see it as a warning. Outside the EU, we would have even less

leverage. Our absence would make it

easier for protectionist instincts on the

Continent to reassert themselves. And

if they did, there would be nothing we

could do. That is one of the political

consequences of withdrawal that need to be set alongside the economic cal-

are part) would shift.

ronmental standards.

It suits both native Euro-phobes

on top, boys

More men have now complained about sex discrimination in jobs than women. Glenda Cooper commiserates

Co 1996 is the year that men Inally went out and burnt their boxer shorts. Slammed by the Child Support Agency, emasculated by feminists, emotional and confused men are fighting back for equal

rights.
Yesterday, the Equal Opportunities Commission confirmed that complaints from men were up 10 per cent on the previous year and - for the first time in its 20-year history - it has had more com-plaints about sexism in job recruitment from men than

So all those endless pub harangues with blokes whinge-ing that "a woman will always be chosen for a job in front of a man" weren't merely selfpitying whines into the bottom of beer glasses. They were a statistic.

Men now face a 10.5 per

cent unemployment rate com-pared with women's 4.3 per cent because the traditional heavy industry jobs-for-life have disappeared. But men's forays into the previously female-dominated areas of child care, nursing and hairdressing have been largely nsuccessful.
The EOC is currently cele-

brating a £2,500 out-of-court settlement for a male nurse refused a job with the RAF. Another case included a bricklayer who was refused a job as a secretary in case he was reluctant to make tea. And two men were aggrieved enough to go to the EOC after they were turned down for the Women's Environmental Network, an organisation that campaigns, among other things, on menstruation.

Yes, it's clear. Women are on the rise and men can't do anything to stop it, poor things. Every week another story of male subjugation seems to develop. New Man has given way to Redundant Male, and boy, do we hear about it.

It's not just leading propohave a history of successfully stifling nents of the British men's Thomas (the author of Not was gleefully parading her lack of guilty: in defence of the modern social legislation and her ability to man) who are bringing men's devalue as part of a strategy to drive deeper into French markets, who plight to our attention. It's everywhere,

A report by the think-tank still do two or three times the Demos spoke gloomily of male underachievement in schools", of the absence of fathers' rights and of the unhappiness of divorced men (72 per cent of divorces are now initiated by women; and 51 per cent of divorced men later said they would have preterred to stay married.)

By comparison, the "gen-derquake" - the rise of women's social and economic power - found four out of five women between 16 and 35 wanting to develop their career or find employment, and only half seeing having children as a goal.

So we women, the first gen-eration after the Sex Discrimination Act, have got it all - the career, the optimism, the success. Wonderful.

But that's only until you realise women's and men's rate of pay can differ by as much as 27 per cent while doing the same job. And while women form 44 per cent of the workforce compared with 37

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per cent 20 years ago, their greatest inroads are in part-time, low-paid jobs. Women who take a break to have a baby find it hard ever to catch with their counterparts.

And while men have overtaken women in complaining about sexism in job recruitment, only a quarter of sex discrimination complaints inside the workplace come from men (and are mainly to do with internal promotions and differing entitlement ages for pensions).

So men, who may have feared letting women into the boardroom would result in hundreds of Disclosure-style harassment, can rest easy. They are unlikely to encounter Demi Moore clones wherever they turn. Nor are they likely to summon up much sympathy from women when they complain about another EOC case where a male country club receptionist was sacked by employers in that's positive discrimination,

they can keep it. And feminism hasn't meant that women can have it all. The Demos report reveals women amount of cleaning as working men, and still take primary responsibility for child care.

So don't believe men have suddenly got the monopoly on being oppressed. Grow up, boys, equality in the workplace, for male secretaries or female welders, is what we should all be striving for.

Beef isn't the burning issue

There is an economic argument for Britain leaving the EU, but it ignores the political reality



We are dreaming of other Europes, other Britains. When Norman Lamont, the first mainstream Tory openly to address the possibility of leaving the European Union, raised the idea at the Tories' 1994 Bournemouth conference, it was denounced by the Prime Minister as fantasy. Less than two years later, the idea is coursing through a great swathe of his party. This counter-revolution is in full flood.

Today's controversy over the beef ban is merely the latest local skirmish in something much bigger. More important by far is the suddenly populs pargument that Britain generall is being impoverished by her membership of the EU. This has the power to change everything.

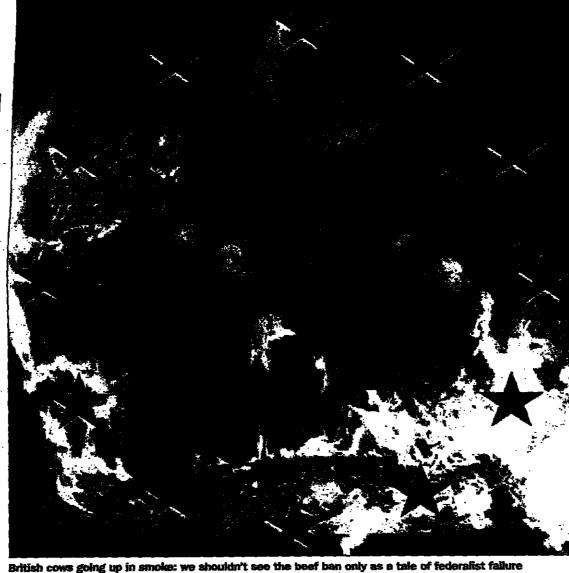
Before, the anti-European case was largely about sovereignty, while the pro-European case was all about prosperity. No contest: offered the choice between the romance of political independence and greater wealth inside 'Europe", the down-to-earth British would always plump for faster-grow-ing living standards. Our affection for Parliament has never been as deep as parliamentarians think.

But if this argument now reverses itself, so that people believe the way to enrich themselves is through withdrawal, then the lip-smacking prag-matism that has underpinned British Europeanism suddenly disintegrates. The great project stands naked. All the accumulated irritation about invasive bureaucracy and popular xenophobia can be unleashed. And we are nearly there; this is an important moment for the nation.

It's true that the economics of British membership are more finely balanced than before. As world trading tariffs have fallen to about 3 per cent, the comparative advantage of being inside this particular trading bloc has fallen. Britain, an economically struggling country, pays around £3bn i year into EU coffers. Compared with he Asian economics, Europe is growng slowly. It has expensive levels of

recial protection.

These are the big facts on which the conomic case for British withdrawal s being constructed. The vision is of in entrepreneurial Britain that lacks he social costs and labour laws of the Continent but which, as a member of he European Economic Area, enjoys ill the trading benefits of today. It is theady thought: Britain as a giant offhore Hong Kong, exploiting those



hage mainland markets but entirely free of the political and social shackles of the neighbouring union.

Think of it. No single currency arguments. No more interference with our historic right to produce inedible sausages and gunk-filled crisps. Our fishing fleet free to sail the empty waters around our coasts. Our political destiny safely in the hands of John Major, Bill Cash, Michael Portillo. Parliament free to do whatever it wants to us without outside interference. Perhaps we could go the whole hog and withdraw from the European Convention on Human Rights while we're about it: unshackle Michael Howard, say I. And all of the above is based, remember, on the new "heads we win, tails they lose" economics of

But the trouble with such macroeconomic projections is that macroabstraction from one kind of human

relationship, which gets the future wrong because it forgets changing politics and social behaviour. That was true of the burst dream of the Thatcher-Lawson boom. It was true of the subsequent Conservative promise of a feelgood factor, now about four years overdue. And it is likely to be true of optimistic Tory projections about EU withdrawal.

The withdrawal case makes two heroic assumptions. The first is that outside Europe, we would be changed - changed utterly - and thrive. But our problems are too deep to be laid at the doors of Brussels. I keep thinking of an attack on Scottish nationalism made by an economist a few years ago, who accused Scottish intel-lectuals of "spinelessly abandoning their obligation to speak truth to their society. Of warping our history, of cruelly deceiving the unemployed

weather explanation for their plight: England." Substitute "Europe" for "England" and that encapsulates aspects of the anti-Brussels crusade.

The second assumption is that the involvement of the UK in the EU does not affect continental politics at all; that Europe would act the same way without us and could accommodate us as a trading partner as easily at it accommodates Norway's 4.3 million people or Switzerland's 6.9 million. We have a trading deficit, after all, and free trade enriches everyone. Surely our

economic ties would be unaffected? A shrewder assessment of the grand politics of the EU was the one written in 1994 in a paper for Germany's Christian Democrats, This described a fault-line running diagonally across the Continent. It divided Mediterranean countries "inclined to protectionism" and led by France, from

ulations described earlier. But pro-Europeans, including those who, like me, want a looser, confederal union, should go further and admit that there are domestic political reasons for remaining inside. This is an argument about the future shape

of the country, not just about trade. A Britain that pulled out would be likelier to remain politically cen-tralised, dominated by the doctrine of parliamentary absolutism and determined on minimum social protection in order to maximise the economic benefits of independence.

Because this would represent the tri-

umph of a style of conservative English nationalism much resented north of the border, it would probably help to drive Scotland away. That, in turn, would push the English counter-revolution further. We would become a retrocountry. It is not a pretty thought. Though withdrawal is described as leading inexorably to the rebirth of a once-great trading nation, it sounds to me more like a way of turning us into

economics doesn't exist. It is an and the homeless, the lost and the a north-east group "more in favour me more like a way of turnin abstraction from one kind of human lonely, by offering them a single, all-Better Johnners' tie than Jackie's pearls

Ruth Dudley Edwards looks forward to a cricket lover's auction

Tave you heard about the John-ners auction?" I asked my hosttrance about village greens and warm thousands of others momentarily beer and the sound of willow on speculating wildly on the identity of ass excitedly. Una looked blank. "Brian Johnston," I said, "Brian Johnston. The leather and the blacksmith hitting the ricket commentator." She shook her butcher for six. And, indeed, Brian nead. I was momentarily baffled and

I know Irish people who loved John Ariott but could see no charm Johnston. in Johnners and his BBC commentary box playmates Blowers and Boil and Sir Frederick and his "Ooh-goshwhat-a-scrumptious-chocolate-cakefrom a lady-listener in Chipping-Camden" babble. But I did, so the viewing of Johnners' cricketing memorabilia that opens at the auctioneers Phillips in London today makes me

simultaneously sad and happy. Sad like Mr Major, who remarked after Johnners' death two years ago that "summers will never be the same again" (leaving me and, I suspect,

Johnners' mysterious and bereaved chum, Summers). Happy, for a world in which a great international auctioneer expects serious bidding for each of Johnners' 250 cricket ties is a world that still has innocence, perspective and a love of England that has nothing to do with jingoism or racist louts. Those who allege that England has lost its soul and fallen victim to American cultural imperialism should contemplate the moral and cultural gulf between the Jackie O and Johnners auctions - the one suitable only for the venomous pen of Truman Capote; the other for the merry typewriter of PG Wodehouse. There will be no hysteria and little

greed at the auction on Saturday, and

there should be a lot of laughter. Starting with some of Johnners' funniest broadcasts, the proceedings will be interrupted for cucumber sandwiches at lunch and for rea and cake at 4pm. And if it might seem silly to pay an estimated £150 for an MCC tie belonging to a happy, much-loved entertainer, surely it is healthier than paying \$211,500 for false pearls belonging to a woman whose major achievement was to many the rich and famous? The Johnners collection includes

scorecards, commentary notes, Wisdens, photographs, books, prints and cartoons. And when those lots have been snapped up, there will be a sale on behalf of the Brian Johnston Memorial Fund (set up to continue his support for grassroots cricket, young players and the disabled) of items contributed by friends and colleagues. They were asked by Mrs Johaners for headgear: Geoffrey Boycott, in his boulevardier persona, contributed a signed Panama hat; lan Botham - ever the individualist (or did he read the letter hastily?) - sent a bat (signed and miniature) rather than a hat.

The sale ends with cricketalia for the discerning collector: tour diaries, Varity Fair prints, an 1870 Wisden, WG Grace photogravure, oleograph and pub tables, and a 1905 autograph album put together by a Nottinghamshire committeeman.

Saturday will be a day when good Englishmen and true can feel the spirit of Johnners all about them and pretend that in Grantchester the clock is still at 10 to three, honey is indeed on the tea menu and the rumour that Jeffrey Archer lives in the vicarage has turned out to be unfounded.



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alve become very English," she said And I had to agree. You have to be a pretty well assimilated immigrant to go into a John Major-like, misty-cycd

lisappointed, for Una never misses my

references and always shares my joys

and sorrows, but then I recollected that

I was, after all, visiting Ireland, my native land, where mostly they think of

It was one of those defining

moments; a kind of Norman Tebbin

ricket test in reverse - a moment

when the people from whom you prang realise that you are no longer

one of them. For Una was as baffled

and stunned by my excitement as I had

ricket as an insect.

William Colby

The last of the great spymasters, William Colby contrived in his later years to appear as a normal person rather than a shadowy figure burdened down with the nation's secrets.

Shortly after his retirement as CIA director in 1976 I literally bumped into him coming out of the Century Club in New York. He was donning his raincoat and a hat, but underneath this espionage garb was a pleasant and gracious man. His autobiography. Honorable Men, had just been published and he was briefly a celebrity and, perhaps, more open to someone he had never met stopping him in the street and asking to talk about Soviet missiles. That is what he did. I'm not saying he told me any secrets; he didn't. I just wanted to note that he could be approachable in a way his more furtive colleagues such as James Angleton never were. It seemed that he was try-

ing to be more open. Colby began his 30-year espionage career during the Sec-

ond World War as a member of Major-General J. "Wild Bill" Donovan's Office of Strategic Services. He was dropped behind enemy lines in Germanoccupied France and Norway, where he blew up railroads, joined resistance networks and led groups of underground fighters. Recently, at a spies' reunion. Colby recalled the first time he parachuted into France in 1944. "We established contact with London and started gathering resisters. We taught them how to mine railroad tracks and destroy bridges. We tried to get a Panzer division to fight us instead of going on to Normandy. We held them up for three weeks. You can't get a Panzer division to stay very long with three men and a bunch of kids."

When President Harry Truman disbanded Donovan's "Wild Boys" immediately after the war the Central Intelligence Agency quickly replaced it as the permanent espionage service to counter the KGB.

ranks and was most active during the Vietnam war, when he became Saigon station chief and then chief of the agency's Far East division. He steered the infamous intelligence operations that now belong to another distant era - the strategic hamlet programme, the coup against Diems, the CIA's worldwide anti-Communist cultural, labour, student and media covert missions. He was at the centre of the secret war in Laos and the disastrous Vietnam Pacification Programme and the so-called Cords (Civil Operations and Rural Development Supports), including Operation Phoenix, which was intended to destroy rural support for the Communist guerrillas and led to sweeping arrests, torture and the execu-

tion of suspects. He was director of the CIA from 1973 to 1976, a time when the agency came under intense scrutiny over its dirty tricks from the media and Congress.

After Vietnam, Colby was in charge when the spy agency helped overthrow President Allende in Chile, and, of course, he was head of the CIA under President Nixon during Water-gate. He was fired by President Ford and returned to a law practice in Washington DC.

In Honorable Men he strove to put a corporate face on "the company", analysing the socalled "three cultures" of a Cold War spy operation - the James Bonds, the political and paramilitary activists, and the analysis who read books and

It was the war in Vietnam

that filled the central part of Colby's CIA career. He was sent to Saigon first in 1959, and was CIA director when Saigon fell in 1975. In his memoir of Vietnam, entitled Lost Victory (1989), Colby joined a long list of other officials such as Robert McNamara, who tried to retrace their steps and salvage some-

Colby rose swiftly through the Its more outrageous operations thing from the wreckage of unks and was most active durwere brought somewhat to beel. American policy in South East thing from the wreckage of Asia. "If only they had taken my advice" is the standard lament



in these works, and Colby was no exception. Most of these accounts contain little new pertinent information.

Colby's line was that victory was within grasp after the pacification programme (the one he directed), but was thrown away

by wrong-headed policies - for his view of the evacuation mainly inadequate levels of military aid.

His book was viewed by the harshest critics as more a compilation of government press releases than a serious attempt to analyse the American adventure in Vietnam. In one passage, Colby asserted that "on the ground in South Vietnam, the war had been won" by 1972 - mainly as a result of the pacification programme. Colby was an unrepentant professional; no re-

He could not bring himself to admit the extent of the failure that has been so well documented, nor the implications of the corruption rife in the Saigon government. His military overview also left out the key factor. While the South Vietnam forces had withstood a big offensive from the North they had lost bases and taken such high casualties that some divisions had not recovered by the time the end came in 1975.

have been helped were abandoned and that sensitive documents incriminating them were also left behind. In a 1977 book, Decent Interval, a former CIA officer, Frank Snepp, claimed that 70 Vietnam translators and their families were left in one CIA compound. Colby admitted only that "many who should have been helped to depart were not, but many

of Saigon and the fate of the

CIA station's employees who were left behind. Colby treated

too lightly for his critics the

charges that many who should

In the end, Colby tried hard to accept CIA reforms but found it as difficult as any of Donovan's "Wild Boys" to be reined in and expected to play by new rules - especially to account for agency actions before Congress.

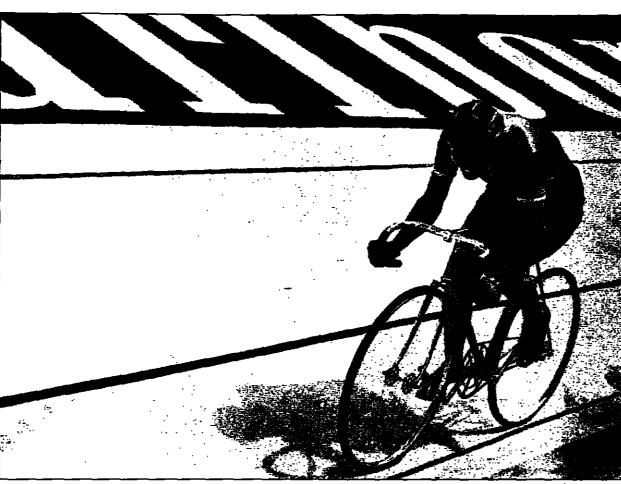
others were".

In one of his last appearances, a year ago, among old campaigners. Colby was still Colby was also taken to task cheering on the boys in their

under-cover, modern espionage fight against terrorism, organised crime, drugs and the secret development of nuclear weapons. Good intelligence, he said, can replace "ignorance, fear and suspicion with knowledge and confidence". In other words, so far as he was concerned "the company" was still in business and there was much work to be done.

Peter Pringle

William Egan Colby, lawyer and government official, born St Paul, Minnesota 4 January 1920; Au-taché, American Embassy, Stockholm 1951-53, Rome 1953-58, First Secretary, Saigon 1959-62; Head, Far East Division, Central Intelligence Agency 1963-67: Ambassador, Director of Civil Operations and Rural Develop-ment Support, Saigon 1968-71; Executive Director, CIA 1972-73, Director 1973-76; married 1945 Barbara Heinzen (three sons, one daughter), 1984 Sally Shel-ton; died Cobb Island, Maryland



Surton in 1970: starting from 1959, she won 25 consecutive Best British All-R

a shorter and shorter interval.

And, of course, as far as our sit-

uation went, it was never very

good for a cinema. Leicester

Jarosy enjoyed his retire-

television but never succumb-

ing to video. I last saw him on

the Monday before his death

al Film Theatre's tribute to his

old friend on the festival circuit,

the late programmer and crit-ic John Gillett.

when he attended the Nation-

had seized the initiative.

Beryl Burton

No other British sportswoman has dominated their field in the way that Beryl Burton dominated the world of cycling. As Velo Gotha, the Belgian-published bible of cycling facts and figures succinctly puts it: "She was the best known and most successful woman cyclist."

In the course of a career that spanned five decades, the fiercely competitive Yorkshirewoman won seven world titles - two road race championships and five track pursuit titles - and 96 national titles - 12 road race championships, 13 pursuit titles and 71 time trial titles against the clock. Although she won her last ti-

ties in 1986 and in recent years was dogged by ill-health, she was entered to ride the national "10" mile championship next weekend. Some habits are hard to break. Time trialling, racing against the clock over a set distance, was Burton's speciality. It 25% solitary discipline, both mentally and physically taxing. Staring in 1959, Burton won 25 consecutive Best British All-Rounder titles, awarded to the fastest woman against the watch over 25, 50 and 100 mile distances. Along the way she set time: McNamara's distance of port that allowed her to conlie Burton (one daughte
Photograph: Alsport speed records, some in 1976 at 276.52 miles in the same event time her racing career after Harrogate 5 May 1996.

the age of 39, at all three distances, which still stand. Cycling, at least in Britain, is not a rich sport, and Burton worked throughout her life in

order to support her ambitions. Asked in the 1980s why she continued to ride prodigious distances every week and race against women half her age, Burton bluntly replied "be-cause I like cycling". She was a true amateur in that respect, keyally riding throughout her career for Morley CC.

Burton supervised her own training, rode the races she wanted and had little to do with the sport's governing bodies. But her achievements were impossible to ignore and she was awarded an MBE in 1964 and an OBE in 1968. Despite such recognition Burton never felt that either the local or national press properly appreciated her efforts.

She may have had a point since, when she was at the peak of her powers, she regularly beat the men. In 1967, she overtook Mike McNamara in an Otley CC 12-hour time trial on

was itself a new men's record. When Burton overtook men during a race, they could always expect a quickfire witticism or word of encouragment. When she overtook McNamara she

nonchalantly offered him a liquorice allsort. The next year, in 1968, she set a women's 100-mile record in a time of three hours and 55 minutes. It was the fourth fastest ride over that distance in Britain by any rider of the time. Such feats in another, more popular sport would have earned Burton world-wide

recognition. Burton's involvement with the sport that dominated her life came about by chance. Her first job as a teenager was in a tailoring firm in Leeds where she noticed a young man make a clicking noise as he walked across the factory floor. This was Charlie Burton and he was wearing cycling shoes with metal cleats on their soles.

She married Charlie when she was 17 and he remained in the backgroud throughout her career as helpmate, mechanic and companion. His family her way to setting a women's and companion. His family record of 277.25 miles in the set provided Burton with the sup-

daughter Denise was bore in

Denise herself grew into a powerful cyclist, representing her country at international level. Relations between mother and daughter became difficult as they emerged as racing rivals in the 1970s. After Denise ousprinted Burton in the 1975 national road race championship to take the title, her mother refused to shake hands with her on the podium. As Burton explained in her 1986 autobiography, Personal Best, the race was the culmination of a series of acrimonious rows: "this is not a story for some romantic magazine, it is a real life narrative about basically ordinary people with jangled nerves and emotions, our bitter conflict played out in an almost gladiatorial fashion.

An emotional reconciliation followed, though the two women were never bound together by their love of the sport in the way that Burton had wanted.

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Beryl Charnock, cyclist: born Leeds 12 May 1937; MBE 1964; OBE 1968; married 1954 Charlie Burton (one daughter); died

Ivo Jarosy

Academy Cinema in Oxford Street was London's pre-eminent art house. It was here in the Thirties that British audiences first saw major films of Jean Renoir and Marcel Carné, and where, in later years, the reputations of Ingmar Berg-man, Andzej Wadja, Satyajit Ray, Jean-Luc Godard, Miklos Janesó and many others were largely established in this country. The Academy's fastidious standards were maintained by a succession of just three people. The last of these was Ivo Jarosy, who reluctantly closed

the cinema in 1986. Jarosy arrived in England in 1938 and became a publicist at the Academy, working for the formidable Elsic Cohen who had inaugurated its art-house policy. His stepfather, George Hoellering, was a director of the cinema and ran it after the war with Jarosy as his right-hand man. Jarosy's meticulously compiled press releases helped many a reviewer unravel the complexities of the often difficult and challenging films that the Academy liked to show. He also worked closely with Peter Strausfield who created linocut images for the Academy's distinctive posters (the cinema refused any existing artwork), and commissioned the silkscreen designs that appeared af-

ter Strausfield's death. Hoellering and Jarosy would visit the major festivals and for many years bought films for their own releasing subsidiary: but their offer of an Academy run would be enough for other British distributors to acquire a picture. Many films that are now regarded as classics, such as

For more than 50 years, the Ray's Pather Panchall and Jan-club, in place of adjacent offices audience was getting old and sco's The Round Un were daring choices that opened British eyes to the work of new directors. In fact. Pather Panchali was owned by a rival specialised cinema which was reluctant to

> The Academy demanded an exclusive run for every film it booked, and even rescued British and Hollywood films that on screen. McBean also dewere on the shelf, most notably Ken Loach's Kes in 1970. As Jarosy recalled in an interview he gave for the Winter 1994/5 issue of the magazine Picture House, "Kes was probably the biggest financial success we ever had. We said to the distributors, 'Look, we think it's a wonderful film. Why don't you put it on at the biggest cinema you can find?' They said it wouldn't work. 'Why not?' 'You need subtitles, you can't understand what the people are saying!' And they said, 'We don't think so.' The press, of course, went crazy over it."

Inevitably, the Academy relied heavily on the support of the critics, who did not always encourage audiences to see its choices. If a fibn was doing badly, there were old classics to be brought back in sparkling new prints (it was always reviving Les Enfants du Paradis as if to make up for the fact that this was one of the films it did not premiere in London). And many will gratefully recall the regular summer seasons of silent Buster Keaton comedies and Laurence Olivier's Shake-

spearean adaptations. In order to show more films, especially those of very limited appeal, the Academy added a small cinema, initially run as a Jarosy: art house cine

in 1964, then the following year didn't like going out any more created a third, mid-size auditorium in the basement. It a specialised cinema was going never became the most comfortable of venues, but the striking red mock-curtain decorative scheme of the main auditorium walls, created by Angus McBean in 1954, set the tone for serious deliberation of the film signed the Pavilion Restaurant. the best attached to a West End cinema. If the Academy had a curable fault, it lay perhaps in the supporting shorts which

ponderous side. After Hoellering's death in 1980, Jarosy kept the Academy going through what had be-come, after so many years of success, difficult times. Jarosy recalled: "In the last ten years of its existence, we subsidised the running of the Academy by about £1.5 million, from the money from the letting of offices in the building. It was getting worse all the time. Our faithful

were, of course, carefully cho-

sen but seemed too often on the



Jarosy always seemed the most courteous, patient and considerate of men in his business dealings. During my in-terview he remembered his delight in 1956 when the Academy was offered Elia Kazan's film of Baby Doll by puzzled Wardour Street executives who shamefacedly withdrew it after being apprised of its sizzling box-office potential. I reluc-

> Allen Eyles Ivo Rudolph Jarosy, film ex-hibitor: born Berlin 9 November 1921; married 1952 Joan Grant (two sons); died London I May

rector and former MP, 60; Mr David

tantly excised the anecdote and

amended several other com-

ments because he feared they

made him seem "smug and ar-

rogant" at other people's ex-

The story of Peter Swales, who died three days before Man-chester City lost their place in at night. And any film shown in the Premiership, and of his former partner Noel White, is to show up on television after worthy of Thomas Hardy. The two men formed a small business (radio and hi fi) at exactly the right time - in the early Square and its approaches are the place for West End cine-Sixties - when technological advance and rising affluence mas." But Jarosy's tastes bad met, for a huge market to be perhaps aged with him and crested. Their prosperity gave the partners the time and newcomers like the Lumière money to indulge in a hobby, in their case a local football club, ment, reading poetry and watching old film favourites on

Altrincham. Their knowledge, enthusiasm, hard work and choice of managers, turned Altrincham from nobodies into one of the leading clubs outside the Football League.

In nearby Manchester the two big clubs, United and City, were not far off parity. Would United ever recover from the loss of Matt Busby's shrewdness and wisdom? Could City, the major club pre-war, overtake them again? The essential difference lay in the boardrooms: United managed to keep any friction to themselves; City, the more friendly and open club, kept their heart on their sleeve.

At Maine Road, a majority shareholding became available in 1973. City's directors wanted someone with money and preferably with a knowledge and love of football. One director rang me: "Did I think White and Swales might be interested ?" I telephoned Swales and put

the question to him. There was a pause and he replied "Yes, I think I would". I passed on the City director's number only vaguely aware that history might be being made.

Peter Swales

es: belief that Manchester City could be bigger than United

In recent years it has become fashionable to denigrate Swales. While Noel White went into the hotel busines and from there to the Liverpool Board and chairmanship, Swales applied fierce energy to two ambitions: first to put City ahead of United and second to win a personal position of power within the game.

He achieved the second but the first proved beyond him, and in his impatience to succeed he appointed and sacked 11 managers, many of them good choices. While he was a generous supporter of the managers in their transfer dealings he could interfere. Malcolm Allison, City's most prodigious spender, relatively, on transfers, always maintained that one of Swales's most extraordinary deals, the signing of an almost unknown Wolves midfielder Tony Daley for the then phenomenal sum of £1 million, was done behind his back.

Allison had agreed a much lesser fee with the Wolves' manager and had turned his attention elsewhere while Wolves waited for boardroom ratification. Swales, according to Allison, intervened on a chairman to chairman basis and secured the transfer instantly but at a

much higher price. Thus it would be fair to say that no manager felt entirely secure with Swales. The situation might never have become threatening, however, but for the arrival of Alex Ferguson at Old Trafford. City, who for a decade had had the pick of local promise, found a recon-structed United with them on every school and youth club touchline. Ferguson also used United's greater financial resources to better effect in the transfer market as he rebuilt Busby's empire. The pressure for such success at Maine Road grew heavier almost daily.

White had risen with Liverpool to unparalleled success and Swales's consolation was a climb through the ranks of the FA until he became chairman of the International Committee,

the body that controls the England management. The choice of Graham Taylor to succeed Bobby Robson was greeted, at the time, with almost universal approval, but the honeymoon did not last.

When Swales found a manager who might have taken City back to the summit, Howard Kendall, he soon lost him to Everton. He did find another, Peter Reid, who showed promise, but the progress wasn't fast enough and Reid had to go, a decision that Swales admitted

afterwards was a mistake. And when United started to win again on a regular bias, the support at Maine Road became increasingly challenging,

confrontational and bitter. Once Francis Lee, a City hero of the 1970s and millionaire businessman, had expressed an interest in taking over City, Swales's days were numbered. His boardroom position was still sound, but the violence of the attacks by fans, at Maine Road, and against his family, eventually persuaded him to stand down although he retain ed his position with the FA.

City offered him the privileges and perks of a life presidency but he never returned to Maine Road.

City's relegation, last Monday, would have twisted his heart. Peter Swales died unswerving in his belief that Manchester City could be a bigger club than United.

Derek Hodgson

Peter Swales, football administrator: born Manchester 25 December 1932; married (three daughters); died Manchester 2 May 1996.

DEATHS

MASKELL: John on 1 May 1996, much loved by Lorna, Sarah, Ian, Piona, Daniel, Jacob and Tallulah, Funeral Oxford Crematorium, Headington. Oxford Crematorium, Headington, Oxford Friday 10 May at 12 mon. Family flowers only. Donations if wished for Aston Rowant C.C. or Chinnor R.F.C., o'to John Masskell Sports Fund, Nat. West, Bank, Princes Risborough, Bucks HP-7 OAH.

WRIGHT: Jean (née MacVean), author and poet, greatly loved mother of Alexander and Caroline. Cremation

Heary Alan Walter Richard Percy, 11th Duke of Northumberland, of Al-nwick Castle, Alawick, Northumberland, left estate valued at £5,364,631 net.

Mr Alan Dudley Bush, of Radlett,

Births. Marriages & Deaths

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tate valued at £83,712 net. Winifred Margaret Ferrier, of London No, sister of the late Kathleen Ferrier, left estate valued at £194,471 net.

Hertfordshire, composer, planist, and Professor of Composition at the Royal Academy of Music 1925-78, left es-

Birthdays Mr Scobie Breasley, jockey, 81; Miss Teresa Brewer, actress and singer, 65;

Lord Briggs, historian, 75; Mr Peter Carey, author, 53; Sir Charles Canam, former senior civil servant, 90; Professor Alan Cuthbert, Master of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 64; Sir Reay Geddes, former chairman, Dunlop, 84; Professor Robert Goodden, architect, 87; Sir James Gowans, former Deputy Chairman, Medical Research Council, 72; The Right Rev Robert Halliday, Bishop of Brechin, 64; Mr Robin Hanbury-Tennison, explorer and author, 60; Mr Michael Hawkes, former deputy chairman, Kleinwort Benson, 67; Sir Lenox Hewitt, industrialist, 79; Sir Michael Hopkins, architect, 61; Lord Kirkhill, former Lord Provost of Aberdeen, 66; Mr David Leach, potter, 85: Mr Calum Macdonald MP, 40: Sir Neil Macfarlane, company di-

Marshall MP, 55; Sir Basil Nield, for-mer MP and High Court judge, 93; Dr Tony O'Reilly, chairman, president and chief executive, H.J.Heinz, and rugby player, 60; Mr Richard O'Sullivan, actor, 52; Mrs Ruth Prawer Jhabraia, author, 69; Mr William Pybus, chairman, Homeowners Friendly Society, 73; Mr Christopher Saunders, Headmaster, Lancing College, 56; Sir Arthur Snelling, former diplomat, 82; Miss Elizabeth Soderstrom, soprano, 69; Mr Clive Soley MP, 57; Mr David Tomlinson, actor, 79; Sir Alan Traili, former Lord Mayor of London, 61; Maj-Gen Henry Woods, Vice-Lord Lieutenant, North Yorks, 72.

Anniversaries

Births: David Hume, philosopher and historian, 1711; Robert Brown-

ing, poet, 1812; Johannes Brahms. composer, 1833; Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, composer, 1840; Rabindranath Tagore, poet, 1861; Josip Broz Tito, President of Yugoslavia, 1892; Gary Cooper (Frank James Cooper) film actor, 1901; Maria Eva Duarte Peron (Ibarguren), Argentina leader, 1919; Anne Baxter, actress, 1923. Deaths: Caspar David Friedrich, landscape painter, 1840; Henry Peter, First Baron Brougham, statesman and lawyer, 1868; James Nasmyth, engineer and inventor of the steam hammer, 1890; William Hesketh Lever, First Viscount Leverhulme, soap millionaire, 1925; Paul Doumer, French president, assassinated by the Russian Paul Gorgoulov 1932; George Lansbury, leader of the Labour party, 1940; Max Miller, comedian, 1963; John Mas-ters, novelist, 1983. On this day: the first Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, opened in London, 1663; HMS Vic-

tory, Nelson's flagship, was launched at Chatham, 1765; Greece was proclaimed an independent kingdom, 1832; the Conard liner Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine, 1915; the qualifying age of women voters was reduced from 30 to 21 (the "Flappers' Vote"), 1928; Neville Chamberlain resigned as Prime Minister, 1940; Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, 1945; the Vietminh captured Dien Bien Phu from the French, 1954; Leonid Brezhnev became chief of state of the USSR, 1960. Today is the Feast Day of St Domitian of Maestricht, St John

of Beverley, St Letard or Lindbard

and Saints Serenicus and Serenus.

Lectures

Leicester University: Professor Alan Nelson, "Atheism, Sodomy, Necromancy: from the 17th Earl of Oxford

to Christopher Marlowe", 4.30pm. University College, London: Professor Mary Fulbrook, The Presence of the Past: national identity and German history", 5.30pm,

National Portrait Gailery: Frances Homan, "Royal Favourite: George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham" National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis,

May-be (i): Giordano A Homage to *Velazquez*", 1pm. British Museum: Jack Phillips, "Axum, capital of a lost empire",

Kaye Webb

1.15pm.

A service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Knye Webb MBE will take place at St Martin in the Fields. Trafalgar Square, at 3pm on Rucsday

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Queen Mother visits Cynthia Spencer House, Northampton Committee of Can-eer Relief Macmillan Fund, to mark its 20th Anniversary. The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member, attends the 40th an-niversary dimer of the Tiger Club at the Naval and Military Club, 94 Piccassily, Lon-don Wi. Princess Margaret, President, the Ruyal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attends the Annual General Meeting at the Sheration Grand Hotel. Edinburgh. Princess Alexandra opens the William Morris Edibition at the

opens the Wallam Morris Endibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7. The Duke of Kent-Vice-Chairman, the British Overscas Trade Board, visits GKN Westland Aerospace, East Cowes and waits Pilatus Britten-Norman Ltd, Bembridge Aipart, Isle of Wight Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-tions mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham; 1st Battalian Irish Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11,30am, band pro-vided by the Grenadier Guards.

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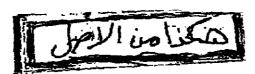
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Brewers look beyond ale in order to quench the City's thirst

profits season gets under way this week. At one time they were lively affairs with a host of brewers rolling out their results; interims in the spring, finals in the last three months of

Takeover action has, however, decimated the once plentiful ranks of the beerage. But, although their numbers have been reduced, the surviving brewers are, mainly thanks to their thirst for acquisitions, a much more powerful breed than the veritable army which once rushed to slake the City's

The days when brewers were content to merely produce beer are long gone. The giants have ventured far and wide for profits with the old-fashioned approach of just brewing beer and owning pubs largely the preserve of some big regionals, like the Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries, and the smaller independents, such as

brewer which has for long been inclined to miss the beer party by producing figures outside the generally accepted confines of the season.

Whithread, kicking off the season tomorrow with year's figures, is an example of what was once a beer and pubs group which has stretched into other leisure areas. It embraces coffee houses.



The first round of the brewery Joseph Holt of Manchester, a hotels, off-licences and the David Lloyd sports centres as well as a string of eating establishments from the Beefeater pub/restaurant chain to the US style TG Friday. Beer production now represents only 15 per cent of operating profits and if Bass does manage to acquire Carlsberg Tetley it will be a distant third in the beer rankings with some 13 per

It insists, however, it intends to stay loyal to its brew-

ing benitage and remain a force in the industry. At the height of the bruising £3.9 in struggle for control of the Forte catering and hotel group. Whithread underlined its ambition to be a rounded leisure operation with a £1.05bn deal to buy Forte's budget hotels and roadside restaurants. Granada's stun-ning victory ended the Whit-Still, the speed with which it

made the Forte strike showed



STOCK MARKET WEEK

DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

the brewer had the capacity and desire for substantial acquisitions. Not surprisingly, then, ru-mours have since linked it to an assortment of possible buys, ranging from the Pelican restaurants chain to the motorway service areas that Granada has been ordered to

Dermot Carr at Nikko, the Japanese investment house, is looking for profits of £279m, up from £255m. For the current vear he is on £314m. He believes Whitbread will produce consistent growth and the shares, selling at 18 times forecast earnings, are worth buying. But Whitbread, like other

brewers owning pubs, could be unsettled next year by the

umpteenth investigation into the industry - another European Union affair.

The worst scenario for the brewers is the EU probe into block exemptions will result in the destruction of the tiedhouse system, forcing brewers to sell (or free) their pubs. Whitbread and the other

big brewers have already been forced to unload 11,000 pubs following the Government's controversial Beer Orders. If all brewers, big and small, had to live without the cushion of the tie it would spell disaster for the smaller independents which the Beer Orders were intended to help. After the initial industry upheaval the big brewers would be in an even more

powerful position than now. Vaux Group, the regional month. brewer, also reports this week interim figures on Thursday. It, 100, has spread from its traditional business - into hotels

and nursing homes. Swallow Hotels is one of the country's leading chains and likely to have provided much of the growth with group profits expected to emerge at £13.5m against £12.4m. Its nursing homes venture has not had the same success and Vaux has put its 35 homes on the market with a £45m price tag. The group intends to devote the proceeds to its hotels and pubs.

Last week Greenalls, a similar company to Vanz until it gave up brewing to concentrate on hotels and pubs, sold its mursing homes for £68m to

Bupa.

Allied Domecq, the drinks group likely to retire from overtake Scottish & Newcastle to become Britain's top brewer,

Two oil giants overshadow this week's beer flow. Today British Petroleum produces first-quarter figures. A beneficiary of the strong crude price say, £580m against £464m. On Thursday, Shell's quarterly display will be rather more subdned - £1.220m against £1,280m.

J Sainsbury, the superstores iant which has suffered from intense competition, is another in retreat; year's profits tomorrow are, believe NatWest Securities, likely to be £750m, down more than £50m. The group has been out-marketed and out-manoeuvred by Asda and Tesco and has

lost market share, particularly amone younger customers, leaving it with an ageing cus-It has already prepared the market for disappointment with

a January warning it will suffer

check in with figures later this a profits fall, its first in its 22 years as a quoted company.

Others in the results frame clude Scottish Power which is likely to offer £420m against £357.3m. Interims are due from Royal Bank of Scotland (£297m expected against £270m), and Tate & Lyle (£158m compared with £152.8m). BSkyB with first-quarter results should make £72m (£49m).

Chiroscience, one of the high-flying biotechnology babes, reports today and should have details of its signalled £40m cash call. Its shares were around 130p a year ago; recently they touched 588p on excitement about possible arthritis and cancer compounds. Then a warning of the impending rights issue calmed the frenzy which had lifted the shares more days. Like other bio babes, it is a long way from making money. It announced a £9,2m loss last year and more red ink, per-

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BoE offers to broker Eurotunnel settlement

The Bank of England has told Eurotunnel's lead bankers that it is prepared to help broker a settlement with the rest of the company's 225-strong lending syndicates.

The Bank's offer to step in came as fears grew that a requirement for a unanimous vote by the syndicates could prove one of the biggest obstacles to signing and scaling an agreement to rescue Eurotunnel

Even on the assumption that the lead banks reach a settlement with the company in negotiations that have started this week over £8.1bn of debt, a single maverick bank among the rest of the 225 could wreck the

plan by voting against it. Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation was nearly brought to its knees when a single bank held out against a financial rescue a few years ago.
The move reverses the Bank

of England's present policy of leaving the Eurotunnel crisis to be sorted out by the company and its bankers, with the help of the French central bank and Treasury. Since Eurotunnel appointed mediators under French law the focus of negotiations has shifted to Paris, leaving the Bank in a back seat.

The Bank is not thought to have offered to step into the top level negotiations under way between Eurotunnel and a group

Its intervention is aimed at elping these lead banks sell any deal to the rest.

There are, however, reports of continuing disagreements among the lead banks, which are believed to have put forward a swap of up to £3.5bn of debt for 49 per cent of the equity as an option in the talks. Another proposal is a revenue bond securing part of the tunnel's cash for

Under the plan now circu-lating, the Bank would follow the pattern of its previous inhas usually been to bring home the banks' votes once a top level deal has been reached. The Bank played a crucial

role in persuading lenders to agree the £1.6bn rights issue and debt refinancing announced

two years ago.
The Bank also brokered a settlement between Eurotunnel and TransManche Link, the consortium of contractors which was in dispute with the company over cost overruns.

One insider described the Bank's proposed role as "helping to show a minority of banks that preservation of value for the banks as a whole is worth more than individual self-interest". On past precedents, the lead

banks will almost certainly have to amend the terms as negotiations with the rest of the syndicates progress.

One risk is that the syndicates

Banks beware: Patrick Ponsolle, the French co-chairman of Eurotunnel, has been 'too strident in backing shareholders' dividual banks or groups of banks holding out for special favours. Another more techni-

have sold their loans to others. Meanwhile, attempts by some banks to press the Euro-tunnel co-chairman, Sir Alastair Morton, to quit ahead of the negotiations appear to have faded. He and Patrick Ponsolle, the French co-chairman, are seen by some banks as pushing too striwill be blackmailed by in- dently for the rights of share-

holders, who must also approve a rescue. A group of shareholders said

cal problem is that some banks esterday they were considering legal action against the banks under French bankruptcy law, may have been taken over or claiming the banks were acting as "shadow directors" and effectively running the firm. Other potential claims were for excessive lending and mis-

representation, they said. Albert Gauffret, chairman of Adacte, a French share-

"extremely unhappy" about the proposed 49 per cent debt for equity swap and he said the banks should write off two thirds of their debt, to reflect its

price in the secondary market. Christian Cambier, chairman of another group, Eurotunnel Shareholders' Association, proposed the banks should take up to 50 per cent of the capital at a share price of 30 francs, comparable with what shareholders had paid in the first place. If it the current share price - he would prefer bankruptcy to the banks' debt for equity swap. Meanwhile, Eurotunnel said

Le Shuttle carried 154,522 tourist vehicles in April and 5,372 coaches, a 60 per cent increase on a year earlier. Freight increased 88 per cent, with 42,689 trucks carried. But British and French railway traffic through the tunnel was unchanged from March. Eurotunnel shares fell FF0.05 to FF5.65 in Paris.

Lucas confirms talks of possible link with Varity

JOHN WILLCOCK

Lucas Industries is in "pre-liminary talks" with Varity Corporation of the US which could lead to a link-up between their car brake divisions or fullblown merger of the two

A merger would create a global auto parts maker with a market capitalisation of nearly £3bn and sales of

The announcement was prompted yesterday by weekend press speculation that Lucas was planning to merge its foundation brakes business with the anti-lock braking sys-tems manufactured by Kelsey-Hayes, part of Varity. Lucas emphasised that "dis-

cussions are in a very early stage and there can be no assurance that any agreement will be reached

The talks could mean Lucas has given up on its previous ef-forts to buy Carlo de Benedetti's 30 per cent stake in Valeo, the giant French car components maker. Lucas refused to

The company will also need soon to find a successor to George Simpson, who steps down as Lucas chief executive next autumn. One name in the frame is John Towers, who resigned as head of Rover last

The talks with Varity are seen by analysts as another sign of global consolidation in the auto parts industry, increasingly dominated by a few main suppliers.

Whether the talks succeed or not, Lucas will still seek a industry and replacement parts buyer for its aerospace division, for the car after-market. The worth about £600m, according to analysts yesterday. Mr

Simpson's revival strategy is seen to be still incomplete as far as most City opinion goes. Components companies are on a merger binge. In February, AlliedSignal of the US agreed to sell its anti-lock and

hydraulic-brake business to German conglomerate Robert Bosch, for \$1.5bn. "The business is consolidating pretty rapidly these days," said Ross Seymore, an analyst with First of Michigan Corporation in the US. He added that the industry was moving toward having a few big suppliers for each system, such as brakes, wheels or interiors. These would have the resources to follow big car makers in their exnansion world-wide.

Lucas's shares last traded or Friday, falling 5p to 208p. Varity's businesses include VarityKelsey-Hayes, the world's largest maker of rear-wheel 🧖 and four-wheel anti-lock braking systems. Its VarityDayton-Waither unit makes wheel and brake components for trucks and trailers.

Varity had sales last year of \$2bn. Its other businesses include VarityPerkins, a mak-er of diesel engines, and VarityZecal, which makes copper-to-ceramics bonding products used for electronics.

Lucas supplies parts and systems to the auto and aeropace industries and makes disc and drum brakes for auto makers world-wide. Its car disc brakes are the most wide ly used in the world, it says. Lucas aiso makes diesel

systems, electrical and elec-

US utilities set to bid £1.7bn for Midlands

MICHAEL HARRISON

launch an agreed £1.7bn bid for Midlands Electricity today, rekindling takeover fever in

Public Utilities of New Jersey and the Cincinatti-based Cinergy is expected to be holding is showing a £57m pitched at around 430p a share. profit but could net PowerGen There was speculation last night, however, that a third ed bid battle develops. US power group - Houston Industries - could yet mount a counter-offer provoking an all-out bid battle for Mid-

two weeks ago by Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, could be pivotal to the The generator has a 21 per The US bid from General cent stake in Midlands acquired at the time of its origi-

nal offer last September. The

Separately PowerGen is expected to decide in the next two days whether to apply for a judicial review of Mr Lang's decision to block its bid.

bid for Midlands was blocked highest bidder but still opt for ity generation and supply.

One source said: "We want to understand why Mr Lang reached the decision he did, what the ground rules are for the future and at what stage there will be sufficient compe-

Mr Lang ignored the advice of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by blocking the Midlands deal and National Power's £2.5bn bid for Southern Electric arguing they would

to sell its Midlands stake to the vertical integration of electric-GPU, the latest suitor for

Midlands, is capitalised at \$3.8bn and owns three electricity suppliers in the eastern US - Jersey Central Power and Light, Metropolitan Edison and Pennsylvania Electric. It tition in generation to allow us has a turnover of just under British electricity supplier to be to buy a regional electricity \$4bn and made after-tax prof-

Houston Industries bid unsuccessfully for Norweb, the electricity supplier for Northwest England, last year, but it is known to have been watching developments since then

One option for PowerGen is have created unacceptable quite closely and remains keen to buy a Rec. The company is valued at \$5.5bn and generates and supplies electricity to more than 1.5 million customers on the Gulf Coast of Texas, making it the ninth-largest US elec-

If the latest bid for Midlands succeeds it will be the third acquired by a bidder from the

The Southern Company of Atlanta Georgia bought South Western Electricity for £1.1bn last year and Central and South West, also of Texas, bought Seeboard for £1.6bn

Black 'ready to increase stakes in Fairfax when law permits'

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Conrad Black is still intent on raising his stake in Fairfax, the Australian media company, despite rampant rumours to the contrary, a senior executive

We intend to raise our holding when and if we are permitted to do so," Daniel Colson, vice-chairman of the Telegraph group and Mr Black's senior lieutenant, said yesterday. "All these rumours that we are pre-

Through the Telegraph group, Mr Black holds 25 per cent of Fairfax, the maximum permitted under Australia's media crossownership rules. The new government in Canberra has promised to review the restrictions in coming months.

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pared to sell are just not true."

Fairfax has been a takeover target for more than two years. Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation holds a 5 per cent stake, while local media baron Kerry Packer has a 17 per cent holding. All three media com-

panies have said they would be interested in taking control.

Rumours that Mr Black might be prepared to sell were sparked by his recent offer to ternational said it would share with Telegraph investors any profits from the sale of the Fair-

Parties is one of the country's largest media groups.

fax stake at a price of more than

Lloyd's finds an extra £900m for names

PETER RODGERS

A extra £900m has been found for hard pressed Lloyd's names as a result of a re-evaluation of the financing needs of Equitas, the reinsurance vehicle that is central to the market's rescue. The surprisingly large reduc-tion in the cost of funding Eq-

uitas is the biggest boost that David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, has had so far to the prospect of persuading names to vote in favour of the rescue plan. Together with other additional contributions from bro-

kers, agents and the sale of

buildings, which could total as

much as £400m, the original £2.8bn rescue package could be improved by at least £1.2bn.

This will allow Lloyd's to write to names shortly – probably next Friday or Monday –



incentives to vote in favour of the rescue, provisionally on 15 July.
One likely change is a halving to £50,000 of the proposed £100,000 cap on future liabilities of names for further losses, once they have signed up to the offering them substantial extra

The timetable is thought to the extra work involved in refining the settlement. Without a vote in favour by the end of August, when Lloyd's must prove it is still solvent, there would almost certainly be a collapse of the market. There will be other benefits

offered in next weekend's letter. It will include concessions for names who have paid their losses as demanded, for the hardest hit who have won legal actions and for those who are suing accountancy firms. The number of names eligi-

ble for payments by the market is also likely to be expanded from the present 5,000, though Lloyd's would not confirm that number would reach 6,000. The reduction comes after detailed negotiations between

market authorities and the Department of Trade and Industry.

Hongkong Telecom aims for stronger Chinese ties

The Hong Kong rumour machine is buzzing with speculation that Hongkong Telecom will soon find a new partnership, following the collapse of merger talks between Cable & Wireless, its majority shareholder, and British Telecom.

The Hong Kong company's heavy reliance on China's goodwill, following next year's takeover of the colony, also suggests that HKT will be looking to reinforce its commercial ties with Chinese entities.

This view was reinforced last trolled Swire Pacific ceded its re-gional Dragon Air airline to the state-run China National Aviation Corporation and gave over a 25 per cent stake in Cathay Pacific airline to China's leading investment company, the China International Trust and Invest-

Heavily reliant on Chinese regulatory decisions, Swire was seen as buying a huge amount of political insurance. HKT is equally reliant on

Peking for the continuation of its profitable international network monopoly and has already moved to buy political insurance by furnishing Citic Pa-cific, the locally listed arm of Citic, with a 12 per cent share-

However, this may not be enough. Citic Pacific may find it difficult to raise the cash for taking an even larger share of

HKT's equity but there are other Chinese entities which could be brought into the company. C&W is already working closely with China's ministry of posts and telecommunications and they have formed a joint company, Great Eastern, to

portunities in China. The ministry could well take

a share in HKT through another corporate vehicle or C&W could pursue its links with the regional authorities in the bordering Guangdong province where there is another joint venture providing mobile services. Should a direct link with a Chinese entity fail to materialise HKT has the option of closer co-operation with one of the three Hong Kong companies that have established rival do-

mestic networks following par-tial deregulation of the industry All three companies are con-trolled by tycoons with close

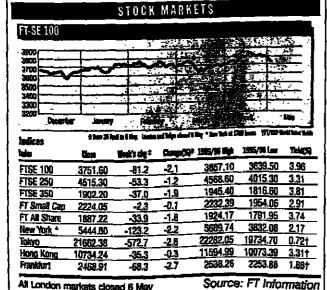
At the moment HKT's strongest alliance is with New World. The two companies in-tend to co-operate in the pro-vision of mobile services.

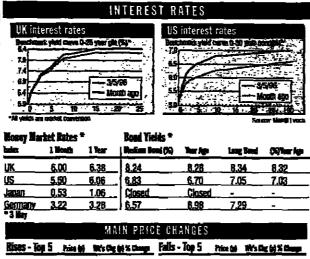
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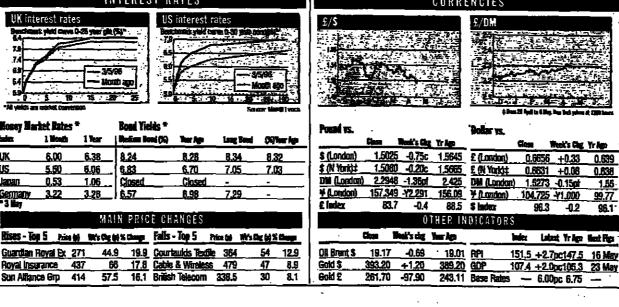
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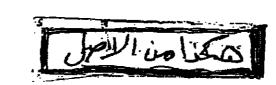
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Blair may trip up facing the Tories' fiscal abyss

The next government, of whichever political complexion, faces the problem of overcoming the power of two parallel revolutions - one in economic thought, the other in political behaviour - which are tying the hands of democratic politicians throughout the world. Unless their grip can be loosened, a Blair government might prove a brief in-terlude between lengthy periods of right-wing rule, however determined the Conservatives may be to split over Europe.

Macro-economics changed forever when the academic consensus decided that, in the long run, unemployment and inflation are independent of each other. The beginning of the end came with the 1968 presidential address to the American Economic Association by Milton Friedman. This, perhaps the most important speech on economics in the post-war era, said that governments could only boost output and jobs at the expense of ever-accelerating - not just high - inflation. Since no society could ever accept everaccelerating, or indeed ever-decelerating, inflation, the remorseless force of logic implied that the only level of output which could be sustained was that uniquely assocrated with stable inflation. This rate became known as the natural rate, though there was never much natural about it.

This may all sound arcane, but consider the consequences of this single powerful assertion. If it is true, then governments can no longer be held responsible for unemployment, at least through mistakes of macro-economic management. Their sole and It still looms. If Tony Blair and Gordon macro task becomes that of controlling Brown have half the political nouse I think

inflation, which might as well be held at a low | they have. Labour will kill stone dead any | proposition, while basically right, should not | support, the jobless (as in America) would rate, since there is nothing to be gained from allowing prices to rise more rapidly.

The so-called trade-off between jobs and inflation, the very meat and drink of political debate in the Keynesian era, shrivelled un and died. And in consequence, economists started arguing that the control of inflation could safely be left to technocrats, independent central bankers who were one step removed from the political process. This, and many of the other mantras of post-Thatcher orthodoxy, basically stand or fall by the Friedman proposition. Monetary or inflation targets, PSBR objectives, mediumterm plans - all of these were direct descendants of that speech in 1968.

For a while, though, people continued to argue that there were still choices to be made about the size of the state, and the burden of taxation. John Smith's disastrous shadow budget before the 1992 election, was based on that principle. But this approach ran into a political revolution every bit as potent as the economic revolution that preceded it.

No longer was the electorate willing to support any political party which promised to raise the overall tax burden, though it would not support serious proposals to reduce the size of the state, either. The prospect of a democratic state forever frozen in aspic, with no party ever willing to risk either higher taxes or an assault on the welfare state, loomed.

talk of higher general taxation well before be treated as totally invariant. A research polling day. But with no more tax and no more borrowing, what are they left with? A reallocation of spending programmes, reflecting different political priorities from the Conservatives? Certainly. New measures to encourage long-termism in industry, and greater incentives to invest, leading to higher long-term GDP growth rates? That, too. Better ways to manage the public services without spending money? Possibly. But quick results in terms of output and jobs? Nobody dares promise that in 1996.

The economic revolution prevents the use of demand management to increase GDP growth. The political revolution prevents the use of higher taxes to finance extra public spending. Yet the public demands growth in public services well in excess of GDP growth. A recipe for political discontent on an epic A bit of wriggling room in this strait-jacket is essential. Clearly what is needed is more

economic growth, as Gordon Brown has recognised with his legitimate focus on boosting long-term investment. But this is unlikely to produce measurable results until well into a second Labour term. In the meantime, there is the small problem of ensuring that there is one. This means boosting economic growth

during the first term to ease the fiscal dilemma, and it means doing this without raising inflation, even temporarily. But how First by recognising that the Friedman

paper published recently by the US economist Laurence Ball (NBER Working paper No 5520) asks a basic question: Does the experience of a variety of developed economies in the 1980s suggest that the huge rise in the natural rate of unemployment seen in that decade was caused by structural supply side factors, or by the decline in demand which was needed to bring inflation down?

According to the Friedman proposition.

the whole of the rise in the natural rate should have been caused by the former, not

But that is not what Ball finds. Instead, he discovers that demand factors played a key role in the rise in trend in unemployment, with rather less explanatory power being left for structural labour market factors.

that alone is slightly encouraging, because I it suggests that the same process may just work in reverse, with a prolonged period of gradually rising demand pressures possibly reversing some of the increase in the nat-ural rate. But more interesting is Ball's discovery that one structural factor in the labour market - the duration of social security support for the unemployed in each spell of jobessness - interacts powerfully with demand factors to explain the rise in the natural rate. The implication is that a drop in demand initially creates the unemployment, but that long-lasting state support for each jobless person then translates this into a permanent in-crease in the natural rate. Without this state be forced to search for new jobs, even at the cost of accepting lower wages

This no doubt sounds callous, but the present alternative of consigning the unem-ployed to the permanent hell of life on the welfare is no better. A programme of gradually rising demand pressures might just lead to permanently lower unemployment, provided that social security is adjusted to ensure that the jobless engage in active searches for new work. The introduction of the job-seeker's allowance in October, will go some way to reducing the duration of unemployment support, which should help.

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But the next government needs to bite the bullet and go further in this direction, albeit combined with aggressive measures to retrain and increase the geographical mobility of the unemployed. If the Chancellor can force this through, then he has every right to ask for the support of the Bank of England in easing monetary policy, and encouraging the expansion of demand. With higher growth, the budgetary problem suddenly looks a lot less menacing.

More labour market reforms, easier money, less unemployment, and more public money left over for the services people really want. A long shot? Perhaps. There is certainly no evidence the Blair camp is thinking at all in this direction. But without emergency action to reduce the natural rate of unemployment, and then to boost demand through lower interest rates, the next government will soon stumble into the same fiscal abyss that is swallowing John Major.

Law firm's new head grapples with a problem long familiar to accountants. John Eisenhammer reports

Freshfields seeks way out of partnership pitfalls

Anthony Salz pauses prudently before speaking, visibly weighing his response. The experience of many years amidst the cut and thrust of financial takeovers is one thing.

Assuming the mantle of senior partner at Freshfields. becoming the public persons of arguably the City's pre-eminent law firm, is something altogether different.

As the one chosen to take Freshfields into the next millennium, Mr Salz is being looked to as the architect of change in a financial services industry already undergoing radical transformation. For City tion, or pushing for statutory lawyers, he concedes, it means change." D 10 lne o.M. breaking with the centuryold partnership culture.

We obviously feel, for the global business we are aspiring to be, personal liability in the traditional way for partners is something of an anachronism and ought to be changed in time," he says. "Conducting business around the world incurs a different scale and sort

of risk. "To have a partnership trying to do that globally seems to me not what the unlimited personal liability was originally envis-aged to do. It is fast becoming outdated and inappropriate giv-

en the scale of the business. Mr Salz is less persuaded by the other line of argument against the partnership - that it is not an effective method of running a modern, complex business. "I am not so fussed about partnerships in terms of management issues; you just have to change the culture to adapt to new conditions. It is the risk factor for individuals that

is paramount" Freshfields has appointed one of its top partners to conduct informal soundings, de- are not yet facing the same dra-

ANTHONY SALZ

"The big-league transatlantic

merger or takeover is a question

for later this century or the next'

nership tradition. Alarmed at recently the Glazo Wellcome the escalation in hitigation, lead- and Lloyds TSB bids. Such

veloping ideas of how the business might achieve a reasonable level of liability in the increasingly risky environment of international financial deals. So far, Mr Salz admits, there are no obvious answers. "I don't have the solution as to what would be the acceptable way of changing this. There are a variety of ways, doing it contractually with each client, registering in another jurisdic-

firms like Freshfields are keeping a close eye on their accounting colleagues in those other City bastions of the part-

ing accountancy firms have been rushing to find ways of lim-iting exposure to the "nuclear"

claim. RPMG led the way last

year by incorporating its audit-

ing arm, which faces the great-

Shortly afterwards, Price Wa-

terhouse and Ernst & Young an-

nounced they were looking at re-registering in Jersey under new laws on limited liability

The lawyers are some way be-

hind the accountants on re-

thinking the partnership

structure, mainly because they are still less international and

est risk of litigation.

partnerships.

matic lawsuits. But the spectre of the wipe-out claim is beginning increasingly to disturb the sleep of the legal senior part-ners. Clifford Chance, another leading City law firm, is being heavily sued over its involvement in the Canary Wharf development, incidentally with Freshfields acting for one of the bank claimants.

Mr Salz, who took over from John Grieves on 1 May as senior partner at the 253-year-old law firm, ranks high in the élite finance lawyers in the City.

Over the past 15 years he has been involved in many of the big corporate deals, including most

prominence has not been with-

out its pitfalls, however, and

many in the City still remember

Mr Salz for his controversial in-

volvement in the Guinness

scandal, where he was the com-

pany's main legal adviser in its

his wife and three children, he

persists in being a fanatical

Southampton supporter, and is one of Freshfield's large group

of ambitiously close-to-scratch

golfers. Word has it he toyed

with turning professional at

It is to the future, and notably

the United States, where Mr

one point.

takeover bid for Distillers. Living in Hampshire with Salz spent a year with a big Wall Street legal firm in the Seventies, that the new senior partner is focusing his attention on how to develop the business. It is hardly surprising, given that the lawyers work hand in hand with the investment banks on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and securities offerings, that a firm such as Freshfields should be feeling the same competitive heat as the City merchant banking big battalions. As business has become in-

ternational, so those chasing it have been forced to develop global reach. That in itself is a challenge for Freshfields as it opens offices abroad, trying to laid by international expertise. mainly coming from London. Ten years ago the business had four offices, now there are 14 world-wide, containing 163 partners and nearly 650 lawyers.

Increasingly, however, Fresh-fields is running up against the ambitions of the big US law firms, often brought in on deals by the Wall Street investment banking behemoths which dominate international financial dealings. In Europe and Asia. markets in which the top British firms feel they have a traditional lead, Freshfields is increasingly feeling the lack of an American

extension to its expertise. The size of the US capital market means that there in effect cannot be an international equity offering without placing part of it in the States. governed by its complicated securities legislation. That gives the US investment banks and their home-grown law firms a built-in advantage - something City merchant banks have been grappling with for some time. Now it is the lawyers' turn.

Freshfields has been slow on

this front. Clifford Chance and

tax rises, the surveyors Hilli-

running up against US ambition Allen & Overy, City law rivals, have busily built up chunky comes to competing with their New York learns. That in itself

make up lost ground. But the oft-mooted-transatlantic big-league legal merger or takeover is, according to Mr Salz, one of the big questions for later this century or the early part of the next. "For the time being, at least, my answer is only to do the US build-up organically. There are problems to managing something straddling the Atlantic, and maintaining the dynamic we have today to motivate people would be quite

leaves Freshfields with little

option, and Mr Salz is anxious

a challenge." Unlike the merchant banks, City law firms do not suffer from



Culture change: Anthony Salz finds himself increasingly Photograph: Jane Baker

comes to competing with their US rivals. Largely thanks to the enormity of their home market, Wall Street's investment banking giants such as Merrill Lynch or Goldman Sachs dwarf anything the City has managed to

produce. But on the legal side of the financial markets, the British firms have been quicker to expand internationally. "I worked in New York in the late Seventies and Freshfields then was quite a lot smaller than the Wall Street majors.

Now we are bigger than most, that is true of all the big City firms, which have grown faster over the last 15 years than the Americans.

 International Business Machines (IBM) has reached an agreement with Apple Computer to license Apple's Mac OS operating system in an attempt to expand the use of the system. The agreement allows iBM to sell PowerPC microprocessors, along with a Mac OS sub-license, to any manufacturer. "Licensing the Mac OS to IBM reinforces our business strategy of making the Macintosh platform available to a broader number of customers." said Apple chief administrative officer George Scalise. Power-PC microprocessors are made by IBM's microelectronics division and are currently used in Apple's portable, desktop and server computers as well as IBM portables, workstations and servers.

IBM said computer equipment manufacturers Datatech (DTK)

Enterprises and Tatung will be among the first companies to to sub-license the Mac OS from IBM.

 British Airways is challenging Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) in its own market by linking with Sun-Air, the Danish regional airline. It is the first franchise agreement BA has signed with a company outside the UK. Sun-Air's fleet will be repainted in the livery of British Airways Express and its crews will wear BA uniforms. BA area manager Lee Shave said yesterday: "Even given the size of BA, we'd find it very difficult to challenge the dominance of SAS in Scandinavia. Their alliance with Lufthansa has put them in an even more dominant position. We hope this franchise arrangement with Sun-Air is a small start to the end of

 Railtrack was given an enthusiastic thumbs up by Yamaichi analyst Nigel Hawkins in a report made public yesterday: "Our recommendation for Railtrack is BUY – up to a fully paid price of 400p". This sharply contradicts highly publicised advice Nat West gave to some of its wealthier customers recently, sayitical risks made Railtrack shares unattrac Hawkins believes the political risks have been "exaggerated".

 Dun & Bradstreet has found that there is still strong pressure from the consumer for prices to be kept as low as possible, despite the increases in consumers' pay packets as a result of the last Budget. According to the business information firm's latest review, the proportion of firms expecting to increase their prices -year-on-year - has decreased from 64 per cent in the first quarter of the year to 63 per cent in the second.

Sheffield Forgemasters, the privately owned engineering and specialist metals manufacturer, has completed a £70m secondary buy-out. New equity funds were provided by Nat West Ventures. with Schroder Ventures and existing management remaining as substantial shareholders. The company was founded in 1982 by the merger of British Steel and Johason & Firth Brown, and now has sales of over £140m.

• German anemployment fell in April for the first time in nine months, the Federal Labour Office reported on Monday. The jobless report, one of the first indicators of economic activity for the month, showed seasonally adjusted joblessness fell by 62,000 to 3.934m, a bigger drop than expected. The Bundesbank said the adjusted unemployment rate fell to 10.3 per cent from 10.4 per cent. Economists said the sharp improvement, taken together with strong March industrial production figures released last week. suggested the German economy may have stopped slipping after what are thought to have been two quarters of negative growth.

Cedel Bank, the internationally owned clearing house for the Eurobond market and other securities, made a pre-tax profit in 1995 of \$36.1m and operating income of \$357.5m. Cedel reported yesterday that it maintained a liquidity ratio of 101.7 per cent and BIS ratio (measuring capital backing) of 18.7 per cent.

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Hollinger stock rated worthy of a tsar

Bonds issued by Hollinger, Conrad Black's holding comte latest news to pany which owns the Duily marketing and see Telegraph, have been dubbed "Imperial Russian Railway Bonds" by some of the more mah, with three par cynical staff. The bonds were issued to holders of N postes of the Hollinger's shares or options in order to mitigate capital gains tux liability on the shares over a five-year term. Apparently certain employees are sceptical that the £1 loan stock, which pay one per cent under the London inter-bank rate. Libor, are the best answer to the CGT problem when their shares are compulsorily acquired by

> tsarist railway shares. The drama at last Saturday's Pilkington Cup Final between rugby champions Bath and Leicester could be put in the shade today as the old amateur barriers to interclub transfers are abondoned. With the arrival of all-blooded professionalism, clubs will be able to bid for players just like their football counterparts, with a mere od for the players concerned.

Conrad Black. The bonds

are not marketable and some

staff feel they aren't gener-

ous in interest terms. Hence

the comparison with the

CITY DIARY JOHN WILLCOCK

Richmond of the Third Division will today announce a series of big money signings, which will almost certainly include Bath's Ben Clarke. The arrival of City entrepreneurs such as Nigel Wray at Saracens signals a new era where money will call the tune - if it didn't already. There could be plenty of stock market action ahead as well, with both Wasps and Bath preparing to float on

AIM. I can't see the likes of Giggs and Cantona losing out, however, in the glamour stakes to Dean Richards.

Conclusive proof, if it were needed, that commercial property agents are a lot sharper than accountants. Just a week after KPMG and the other leading accountancy firms were vilified for offering seminars on how to beat a Labour government's

er Parker have done the opposite. According to Hillier Parker's research paper, Property under a Labour Gov emment, published this week, In the great tradition of property will win whatever Tony Blair does in office. Labour will boost demand for office space, increase consumer spending and im-

prove rental growth, according to Estates Gazette magazine. The property mag paints a positively glowing picture of a Labour government investing heavily in infrastructure and urban renewal. So if Tony does pull



ors will be in clover and the accountants out in the cold. What a shame.

Hello! magazine, the Diary is delighted to report that gorgeous, pouting PR hackette Emma Weiss, spokesperson for the Association of Unit Trust and Investment Funds. has just enjoyed a hen weekend in Budapest with 17 pals. Husband-to-be, the Evening Standard's personal finance guru Robert Cole, is having his own stag night next weekend. His own arrangements have been left to the last minute, apparently - Robert gave £100 to his best man and told him to get on with it. Which won't get them very close to Budapest, so it sounds like lagers all round in the local then.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, is being forced to retire due to cancer, but this did not stop him from playing in a music concert at the Middle Temple last Thursday nicht. Peter Taylor played the piano for an hour. accompanied the violinist Maureen Smith. The wellattended recital was in aid of the Friends of the Hebrew

Summary of Accounts FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995 PORT OF LONDON 1995 **BALANCE SHEET** 1995 LOSS ACCOUNT \mathbf{r}_{m} £m Turnover 27.3 28.2 Fixed assets: Operating expenditure 26.4 27.8 Tangible assets 24.7 21.0 Operating profit 0.9 Port of London Net Interest Properties Ltd Group 14.4 6.7 Dividends receivable 9.4 9.2 Stock redemption fund 9.0 Repayment of Investment in associated Government grants 0.3 <u>(8.9)</u> 48.5 44.9 Profit on ordinary 11.2 <u>21.0</u> Net current assets activities before taxati 1.7 65.9 59.7 Taxation 0.3 0,1 Creditors: Profit for the year 2.0 Amounts falling due after Transfer to stock more than one year redemption fund (6.3) 10.2 10,2 Loans 3.0 Other amounts Reserves Transfer to profit and Revaluation 9.4 loss account reserve Stock redemption fund Profit and loss 22.7 21.0 59.7 65.9 CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Sir Brian Shaw G. P. ELLIS D. J. JEFFERY Chairman Chief Executive Published by the Port of London Authority under Section 8(3) of the Port of London Act 1968 The above is an extract from the published Accounts of the Port of London Authority for the year ended 31 December 1995 which have been delivered to The Secretary of State for Transport

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A world away from the Crucible Paul Hefford, ranked 454, has made nothing from the game he loves. Yet he keeps playing

Snookered by his ambition

■he first question that Paul Hefford, snooker profeshighly revealing: "Do I get paid for this?" he inquired hopefully.

Money is a magic word unless

you are among the game's élite. Trouble is, it's harder to get than to win, when you're one in a cast of hundreds and slipping rapid-ly down the rankings.

There are 628 professional players registered with the

World Professional Snooker and Billiards Association, Many of these, household names like Fred Davis, Ray Reardon, John Virgo and Clive Everton, no longer play tournaments. But there is still a mass of hopefuls like Hefford who never appear on television, never play abroad and never win anything. Glam-orous events like the Embassy World Championship will only ever be a dream for them. Yet

they potter on.
The only people who make a good living at the game are those in the top 50, and the rest just struggle." says Hefford, a professional for five years. But even the person who is 50th probably only earns about £10,000 a year. That isn't a vast amount of money, is it?"

Since Hefford became a professional at 24, he has won precisely nothing from the game he loves. His situation is not unique. From 90th to 250th. everyone is about the same. There is nothing much to choose between us. But the



petitive than 10 years ago, when there were 120 professionals and only about 40 were any good. Now you have a really high standard all the way down, and it's so hard to start from the bottom unless you're a John Higgins or Ronnie O'Sullivan."

For Hefford, who lives in Peterborough, the name of the game has not been snooker but survival. He still lives at home with his parents and hasn't had a holiday for years. It costs £100 to enter one of the nine scoring tournaments and £250 for the world championships. Qualifying matches are generally played at Blackpool, Aldershot, Sheffield or Bolton. So Helford jumps in his 1972 MGB ("I don't know how many miles it's done because the mileometer has broken") and prepares for a few days or a couple of weeks, depending how well he does, living in soulless

B&Bs and getting homesick. "I've still got the same suit. I can squeeze into it at the start, but after three weeks it will be too big for me." When money is tight, even food becomes a luxury. The other players are friendly, but not overly so. The seven colours may be different, but they are all chasing the same rainbow.

He was nearly 15 when he took up snooker, but found that he had a natural eye for the game. Like many young players, he skived off school to spend hours crouched over a cue. At 24, he had a steady job in his father's signwriting business, but threw it all up to play snooker full-time. "One of my friends was professional, so I had an idea of what the standard was. I thought I would do all right at it." Unfortunately, his decision coincided with the governing body's move to open up the game. Suddenly, there were hundreds of youngsters like him who saw their cue to fame

and fortune.

Hefford, who has made four maximum breaks, is painfully honest about his success and his prospects. "It was a lot harder than I thought. I played all right but that wasn't good enough. It took a while to get used to the different tables, and there is tremendous mental pressure. I didn't handle it very well.

"I have beaten a few players ranking in the 120s, but I've never had a good year. I've never played Peter Ebdon or Stephen Hendry or anyone like that. With me, it has been lack of confidence largely brought about by financial worries." To earn enough money to

compete, he has worked as a

roofer or a labourer. "But you er because he's a professional. can't play your best when you're knackered from working. With this game, you need to practise six or seven hours a day and it's very hard to do that

when you're worn out." Hefford's only spousorship was £500 in his first year from a local snooker club. Although two Peterborough clubs give him a free table whenever he wants, he can't play club snook-

with the big boys who, despite popular belief, use tables with naller pockets.

Most of all, he needs that green stuff to stay in the black. "I didn't play last year because I just got disheartened. You can't just keep going to Black-pool or Sheffield and doing your money. But I might start playing

again because there are moves to introduce a league system." This is a three-tier system of

leagues that aims to help players win through to the top rank on merit, rather than financial back-up. For a player like Hef-ford, it would mean the chance to win some money by playing his peers, with the incentive of pro-

motion to a higher division. We are speaking in the Q Club in Peterborough. "Look at that."

he gestures, pointing around him. Once this place was packed with snooker tables, now it's half-full of pool and nine-ball. Snooker has to be aware of the challenges it faces. I don't think there is a lot wrong with the game, but it needs to look after the players at the bottom as well

as those at the top, so young players will keep coming through." Even though snooker has given Hefford nothing except

a lot of late nights and an empty pocket, he's still convinced he's in the frame. "If I could find a sponsor so I could play full-time, I still think I could make it." But to Hefford, Embassy will remain the name of a cigarette, rather than the apex of his career, unless he gets some extraordinary breaks - and those seem unlikely when you're 29 years old, broke, and

CHESTER



Wishing on a star: Paul Hefford dreams of glory while watching the Embassy World Championship final yesterday

White and Gough show Irani's blitz turns the India thrive on run feast

Cricket

DEREK HODGSON reports from Cardiff Yorkshire 576-8 dec & 205-7 dec Glamorgan 482-7 dec & 216 (Yorkshire win by 43 runs)

After piling up 741 runs and declaring twice. Yorkshire glimpsed glorious evening. A considerable Bank Holiday crowd, still beaming after Yorkshire's Sunday defeat cheered Glamorgan's dash to 113 without loss, in pursuit of 260, with 24 overs remaining.

Then two bursts by the Eng-land contenders Darren Gough and Craig White, watched by the selector David Gravency, pierced Glamorgan's soft underbelly and, with nine balls re- to 32 for 4 on Saturday evening, maining. Yorkshire eased home. Glamorgan lost their last seven wickets in 45 balls.

Even at the start of the last to overs. Glamorgan, with eight

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County Championship

Derbyshire v Leicastershira

DERBY: Lalcestershire (22pts) best Dorby (8) by six wickets.

Breas and Street Street

chester United on Saturday, they

would provide another echo of the

1977 Wembley encounter with

Liverpool, when the two Greenhoffs inside-forward Jimmy and central

defender Brian - wore the United

colours, the last set of brothers to play together in an FA Cup final.

Jimmy's "fluke" goal, when Lou

been a United fan since I was a ness.

Macan's shot deflected off his

chest, won the day for United, but

boy in Barnstey." Brian said.

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wickets standing, were favour-ites to make the remaining 116, but the top three in the order all made haste unnecessarily. Brave hitting by Matthew May-nard and Tony Cottey maintained the rate and with 58 needed off the last 54 balls the sheen staved on the daffodil.

David Byas then replaced Richard Stemp with Gough at the Cathedral Road End and his first ball had Maynard leg-before; Tony Cottey was run out off the next ball and Robert Croft bowled with the third. Gary Butcher was caught in the deep in the next over before White, mixing short-pitching and yorkers cleverly, shot through the tail.

Such maybem might have been expected in the morning. After Yorkshire had stumbled undermined by three lbw decisions, the natural assumption was that this pitch was at last starting to wear. The nightwatchman, Alex Wharf, has

Durham v Northamptonskire CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham (Spts) dres Northamptonskire (6).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - Prist topings 320 (K M Curan 68: M M Botts 4-120),

DURHAM - Second Immings

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

he admits to divided loyalties be- equipment firm in Rochdale, where

tiveen Old Trafford and Stoke, he lives with his wife and three sons.

where he played 274 League Jimmy, 50, based in Alsager, near

games. Brian, on the other hand, Crewe, is attempting to recover from

remains unequivocally red. "I've the collapse of his insurance busi-

Joining as a schoolboy, Brian, who with the old players," Bnan said,

won 18 England caps, remained with "aithough we have reunions and

Unned until the was 27, when he was some of us will be at Wembley this sold to his prother's first club, Leeds. weekend. In fact, I don't see a lot

The two were together again at of Jimmy. We have never been es-

Rochdale, as manager and player, but pecially close. There's seven years

it was not a successful association, between us and we tend to have Nowadays, neither is in football. our own friends and our own lives."

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"I don't keep in very close touch

Jon Culley

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few pretensions to batting at this level and therefore few misgivings; he took seven off Watkin's first two balls and thereafter batted with almost aristocratic disdain to record a career-best 62.

Michael Bevan, after a few mistimings while he tested his balance on his strained left ankle, settled with him to take 133 off 37 overs, and although Yorkovers after hunch, Byas was able culty in mustering the 187 they to mull over another declaration. needed to beat Worcestershire. Bevan finished with 77.

Wharf, a 6ft 5in 21-year-old from Buttershaw, Bradford, scored 46 on his debut against Warwickshire in 1994 but was inis proving difficult to dislodge even if his captain felt it unwise to bowl him during the carnage.

If Glamorgan did fail to win an exhilarating victory, they could claim one winner: Len Smith's immaculate Sophia Gardens pitch is perhaps the venue for the next timeless Test.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Did not bat: S J E Brown, M M Bets. Bowing: Taylor 11:2-29-3; Curan 4-1-9-0; Em-turey 14-1-54-1; Capel 7-0-32-0; Penberthy 7-0-37-3; Bailey 0.4-0-2-0 Umphrat: K J Lyons and A G T Whitehead.

Glamorgan v Yorkshire CARDIR: Yorkshire (22pts) bes (5) by 43 runs. (Yorkshire won toss)

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Kent v Lancashire

Did not bat: P J Hartley, R D Stemp. Bouting: Watten 17-4-64-2; Thomas 13-0-47-2; Cort 24-7-47-1: Barwick 5-1-19-0; Butcher 20-21-0

Total (48.5 owers) 216
Felt: 1.113 2-135 3-153 4-202 5-205 6-202
7-204 8-212 9-212.
Sowlag: Gough 14-5-34-2; Hartley 10-1-561; White 8-3-2-33-4; Stemp 16-2-71-2
Umphres: J D Bont and P Wiley.

(Lancashire won toss)
KENR - First tarrings 320 (T R Ward 106, C L Hooper 54, G R Cowdrey 52).

LANCASHIRE - First innings 47 for 1 dec. KENT - Second lankags 68 for 3 dec.

Total (87.2 overs) 27.5 Fait: 1.30 2-50 3-150 4-194 5-223 6-232 7-232 8-242 9-247.

Bowling: McCaque 23-3-75-2: Thompson 16-3-44-1: When 12-3-44-1: Parting 7-0-37-1: Pattel 28-2-13-65-5; Hooper 1-0-5-0 Umpires: A A Jones and R Julian.

TREAT BRIDGE: Nothinghamaking (Spts) drew with Sussess (5).

CANTERBURY: Kept (19pts) Laponeshire (4) by 64 rans.

Nottinghamshire v Sussex

tide for shaky Essex

Ronnie Irani is developing quite a liking for New Road, but he is not particularly interested in hanging around to admire the beautiful Worcester scenery, writes Mark Burton. Yesterday he dailied for only 86 balls over hitting an unbeaten 110 to steer Essex to victory after they

Two years ago, the England A all-rounder made 119 when Essex scored 405 to win, but he could not have expected the chance of a repeat, even if Esjured most of last summer. He sex did allow Worcestershire to make 415 in a second-innines that looked to be collapsing when, resuming at 246 for 5, the home side lost David Leatherdale and

> Stuart Lampitt in nine balls. put on 159, with Phil Newport, making 68 and Richard Illing-

SUSSEX - Second lanings (Saturday: 77 for 3) *A P Wells c Noon b Afford ... N I Lenham b Afford ... †P Moores c Pollerd b Carins ... I D K Salebury c Noon b Carins V C Drailes c Afford b Bates ... N C Philips c Bates b Carris ... P W Lenses out out

VS not out(b4 lb16 w2 nb14)...

9-278. Did not but: E S H Gidders. Bowling: Cams 22.4-4-70-4; Evans 14-3-38-0: Pennett 19-5-57-0; Alford 25-15-22-2; Britis 14-4-42-3; Robinson 1-0-4-0; Tobey 9-3-25-0.

ress D J Constant and K E Polmer.

Worcestersbire v Essex WORCESTER: Essex (24pts) best Worces-tershire (5) by five wickets.

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WORDESTERSHIRE - First innings 201. (D A
Leatherdale 50; N F Wildens 5-57).

ESSEX - First immings 430 (S G Law 93. G A Gooch 95. D D) Robinson 61, M C liott 58; S R Lampet 5-116.

WORCESTERSHIRE - Second lonings (Saurday: 246 for 5) D A Leatherdale & Rotins b Bott

A Shenyar c Rollins b Comen Extras (65, 1611, n630)

ESSEX - Second Insings G A Gooch flow b Newport

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Having let things slip, Essex then plunged to 32 for 5 before the Lancastrian Irani was joined by the Yorkshireman Paul Grayson for a partnership that came up roses. Irani hit five sixes and 12 fours, while Grayson helped himself to 46 not out as the pair added an unbeaten 158 for the fifth wicket to see Essex home with 16 balls to spare.

Adam Hollioake hit his second century of the match to guide Surrey to safety on a tedious final day against Somerset at Taunton. Starting 191 behind, the visitors appeared to face a testing three sessions, but against a medium-pace attack lacking variation. Hollioake followed up a first-innings 128 with 117 not out.

Durham had their sights set on victory but were left clinging From there Worcestershire on for a draw against Northamput on 159, with Phil Newport, tonshire at Chester-le-Street. Set an attractive target of 222 in worth 66 in a 100 partnership. 44 overs, closed on 168 for 7.

Fait: 1-6 2-10 3-12 4-20 5-32.
Did not bath: IR J Robins, M C Rost, A P Cou-an, N F Williams.
Now Fait: 11.2-4-49-2: Shenyar 9-3-32-2: Lampit: 10-1-57-0; Thomas 6-0-26-0; Bingworth 4-0-19-0.
Umpires: T E Jesty and R A Wine.

Bearts 10-0-48-0; Shengrue 6-0-4
ENGLAND MCA
S J Dean c Manyelesh b Smeth
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b Venkatesh Prasad
R A Evans not out
Extres (02 to25 w9 nb))

Discovery 10-3-28-1; Hinvary 10-2-28-2; Drawd 3-1-10-1 Umphress Dr Shepherd and P Adams. SECOND DC CHAMPHONESHIP (First day of three; today: 11.0]: Abbetshelme School, Rocesster: Vorlisher 32-4 for 7 dec (8) Parker 63. N Russell 64-no. CA Chapman 53: Derbysher 21 for 0. Get Parker 63. N Russell 64-no. CA Chapman 53: Derbysher 21 for 0. Second 101:no; Wordsstesher 26 for 1. North Perrott: Someone 176; Northamptonshire 206 for 0. (9.) Roberts 104-no, L. C. Swenn 87-no. Eastbourner Essex 247 U.J. Lews. 105: A D. Edwards 7:83; Sussex 51 for 0. (Second day of three; today; 11.0); The Owah Surrey 262 (9. Shelmi 63, G.J. Kennis 61: J.P. Seefie 4-37) and 127 for 7; Outham 1.35 U.F. Benjamin 5-28). BAIN HOGE TROPHY (One day): Bristot:

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CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Minor Coun

ities.
CHEURSPORD: Essex v Kent.
DUBLIN: Instand v Gloucestershire.
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Tour Match

England NCA v India

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HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Uxbridge India 290 for 4 England NCA 176 for 8 (India win by 114 runs)

These days, most tours start with a handful of one-day games which as contests are meanpreparations for the tougher of an ugly movement. matches ahead. These outings give all the members of the party the chance for early practice in the middle which, even against relatively modest opposition, is worth more than interminable

sessions in the nets. As Sachin Tendulkar had scored a century on Sunday he stood down, and it was the turn of Mohammad Azharuddin and Vikram Rathore to score hundreds against the Na-

as Tendulkar and Azharuddin will be happy to find everything in working order at this stage of the tour.

Azharuddin is always a joy to watch batting against any but the fastest of bowlers. He is rather less in command when the ball is pitched short and flies at his throat but vesterday he produced a succession of typically ingless but which play an important part in the overall timing, and he seemed incapable

> Rathore is one of the several newcomers in this Indian side and he, too, played some fine strokes, reaching his 100 in exactly 100 balls. He thrived on the off-side, driving first off the front foot and then going on to gap between cover and extra. He has a nice square cut, too.

Navjot Sidhu and Sanjay Manirekar did not make the best use of their chances, and tional Cricket Association. with Azharuddin batting for spinners all I Even such experienced players 33 overs and Rathore for 34 a long bowl.

there was not much time for anyone else. But India were always unlikely to be short of runs on this tour. The NCA bowlers, coached

by Chris Old, stuck to their task well, although they will be grateful they do not regularly come up against batting of this class. The NCA's batting went rather better after Javagal Srinath and Paras Mhambrey had each picked up an early wicket. Simon Luckhurst, the son of

Brian of Kent and England, and his captain Malcolm Roberts played some good strokes in a stand of 101, and none were better than the three fours Roberts hit in one over from Sourav Ganguly. Azharuddin the back foot and finding the gave all four of his seamers a gentle work-out before turning to his spinners: the left-armer Suail Joshi, the leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani and the offspinner Rahul Dravid. The spinners all looked in need of

FLAT RACING RESULTS **DONCASTER**

2.00: 1.102 ASE 6M Bard; 12-1; 2. Caviar Royale 8-13 fay; 3. Ballieborough Boy 25-1. 8 ran, 1-V. 4. (R Williams), Tota: £21,00; £2.40, £1.10, Dual Forecas: £5.40. Com-puter Shagiff Forecas: £20.93, Thu: £203.20 (part won, pool of £1.48.84 camed forward to Crester 4.10 today), Non Runner: Our Home

2.50: 1. BOLSHOI (S D Williams) 4-1: 2. Sea-Deer 11-2; 3. Berramek 12-1. 8 ran. 100-30 jt fans Super Rocky (4th) & La Su-quet. nk, nk. (J Berry). Tota: £4.80; £2.30, £1.60, £2.50. Duel Forecast: £11.10. CSF:

£1.60, 22.50. Duel Forecast: £11.10. CSF: £25.34.
3.20: 1. WhOSM (K Fallony evers fav; 2. Anthelia 7-2; 3. Lucagum Phince 5-1. 4 ras... 2, 14v., fix Chariton). Tota: £1.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £4.97.
3.55: 1. NIIGWAR (R Hughes) 4-1; 2. 88-by Bushawacker 5-1; 3. Cartifo Brigante 5-2 fav. 7 ras.. 2, 4v. (L Cumarh). Tota: £4.60; £2.70. CSF. 25.50. Duel Forecast: £1.270. CSF. £23.15.
4.26: 1. IMPLIENCE PEDLER (M Bard)

4.25: 1. INFLUENCE PEDLER (M Bard) 4.26: 1. Instrument: Perfuelt (M. Barro) 15-2; 2. Flocheck 3-1; 3. Slege Perfuois 5-2 fev. 8 ram. nk, nk. (C. Britain). Totar £9.80; £2.40, £1.90, £1.40. Dual Forecast: £10.80. Computer Straight Forecast: £30.47. Tincast: £88.27. After a stawards' inquiry, the result

£88.27. After a stawards' inquiry, the result stood.

4.65: 1. GROUND GAME (R Hughes) evens fav. 2. Classale Colours 6-1; 3. Fijon 6-1. 8 gan. 5, 5th.tl. (Dioden). Tothe £2-40; £1.30, £1.80, £1.50. Duel Forecast: £4.70. CSF: £8.87.

5.26: 1. DAAWE (M Deering) 7-1; 2. Cretae Gift 14-1; 3. Missher Westsound 9-1. 13 ran. 7-2 fav Captain Capta. 1-7, 2. (Mrs V Aconley). Tother: £12.40; £3.40, £3.60, £2.40, DF: £86.30, CSF: £101.38. Tricast: £7.80. Dueldoot: £73.90.

Placepoot: £87.80. Dueldoot: £73.90.

Placepot: £87.80. Quadpot: £23.90. Place 6: £58.79 Place 5: £40.39.

HAYDOCK

2.00: 1. CAMPORESE U Reidi 13-2; 2. Pisos de L'Opera 11-2; 3. Classic Parisian 25-1. 10 ras. 7-4 tov Aertra (5rh). 9, 2. (P Chappie-Hyam). Totte: E5-90: E1.80, E-1.10, E5-90. Dusi Forecast: [9-1.0. Computer Straight Forecast: E41.07. Troc £209.50 (part won ipool of £132.79 camed forward to Crester 4.10 today). Lephia (12-1) was withdrawn not under orders; Rule 4 applies to board prices only, deduction 5p in the pound.

2.30: 1. Ball Parisons Ef Compilé. 4 for 2.30: 1. BALI PARADISE (T Quirt) 6-4 fav. 2. The Gay Fex 11-2; 2. Rocksrouedthe-clock 12-1. 7 ran. neck, 2. (P Cole). Tota: 12.50: £1.60, £2.10. DF: £6.30. CSF: 22.50; £1.60, £2.10. DF: £6.30, CSF: £10.21. Non Runner: Miss Fugir Persence. After a stewards' inquiry there was an amenod result. The Gay Fox, who was first past the post from Bail Paradise, was demoted to second place.

3.00: 1. FOND EMBRACE (3 Carter) 5-1; 2. Major Quality 11-8 fax: 3. Ocean Grove 6-1. 7 rat. 1:s, 7. (H Candy), Totte: £4.80; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £12.34.

3.30: 1. COOL EDGE (P Robinson) 4-1 grave, 2. General Monash 15-2: 3. Band On the Run 10-1 12 ran. 4-1 grave Princepher. 2. 3. (M Tompleine), Tokes E4.40; E2.10, E2.30, E2.80. Dr. E29.50, OSF: E32.83. Tokes E215.88. The: E77.80, Non Runner: Some Horse. After a stewards' requiry there was an emended result: Leituce, who had finished 2nd was demanded beautiful. ished 2nd, was disqualified and placed lest. 4,05: 1. PURPLE SPLASH (A Clark) 3-1

jt fav; 2. Robingo 12-1; 3. Stafec 7-2, 8 ram. 3-1 jt fav Executive Design, 5, 1.4. (P Melan). Tota: £3.90; £1.70, £2.30, £1.20. Dual Forecast: £18.40. CSF; £33.87. Tric-

4.35: 1. MUSICK HOUSE (I Reid) 4-5 fav: 4.35: 1. MUSSICK HOUSE (1 Reid) 4-5 far; 2. Reitol 4-1; 3. Rossban 16-1. 11, ram, 5, 2-12. (P Chapple-Hyam), Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.70, £2.50. Dual Forecast: £3.10. CSF: £5.27. Tate; £19.70. 5.05: 1. £SIGIMO NEL (F Lynch) 3-1; 2. Braille 5-1; 3. Monorch 7-2. 7 ram, 11-4 fav lessago: 44th, nack, 4, (5 pagaring, Totes £3.00; £1.40, £2.60. DF: £9.60. CSF:

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2.10: 1. WHITEWATER AFFAIR (R Cochrone) 11-8 fex; 2. My Lewicle 33-1; 3. Saleeman 5-2. 9 ran, 1-4, -4. (M Stoute). foto: £2.30; £1.60; £6.70; £1.20; Dual Fore-

cast £109.20, Computer Straigh Forecast £34.98, Thot. £17.00, 2.40: 1. PROPOSING (G Hard) evens; 2. \$absmilen Sunsitate 4-5 fpv. 2 ran. 1½, U Gosden). Tother win £1.90. 3.10: 1. PLEASE SUZANNE (Dane O'Nelf) 4-1: 2. Beion 8-1: 3. Emy Counting 20-1. 9 ran. 100-30 fpv Appler Twist. 1½, 2½, (B Harnont). Tothe: £4.20; £1.90, £2.80, £5.00. Dual Forecast: £19.10, CSF: £31.91. Tho: £109.10.

Dual Forecast: £19.10, CSF: £31.91. Tro: £109.10.

3.40: 1. DESERT GREEN (Dane O'Neil)

9-2 fax: 2. Clan Ben 6-1; 3. Crumpton Hill

7-1 13 mm. ½, ½, it Harnon). Totas: £5.50;

£190. £2.40, £3.90. Dual Forecast: £10.40.

Computer Straight Forecast: £31.95. Thicast: £17.40.

4.10: 1. ARTIC COURSER (A Whelan) 10-1; 2. Nordonski, 33-1; 3. General Mountair

100-30 fax: £5 mm. sht-hg. 2. 10 Cosgrovel. Totas: £15.00; £4.10, £4.90. £1.70. Dual Forecast: £89.60. CSF: £256.91. Tricast: £12.20 &88. Tro: £80.30. Non Runner: Field-indge. After a stewards' impury, the there was an amended result: Nordonsk, who was first past they bost from Artic Courser, was demoted to second place.

to second piece.
4.40: 1. TROJAN RRSK (Paul Eddary) 5-1
co fav; 2. Kriscifffe 16-1: 3. Forest Robin
5-1 co fav, 10 ran, 5-1 co fav Royal Diverson, 14, hd, (G Lews), Tota: £5-20: £1.60,
£4.00, £2.70. Dual Forecast: £55.10 buser Straight Forecast: £75.55. Tricast: £404.49. Tric: £120.80. Lar, 2. Well Street 5-1; 3. Autord 4-1, 9 can, 14-, 3. (M. Stoute). Total: £4.40; £1.30, £1.80, £1.70, DF: £7.20, CSF: £14.45, 740; £23.60.

Jackpot: £19,519,90, Pincepot: £128.80. Quadput: £55,60. Pince 6: £147,31. Pince 5: £108.08.

NEWCASTLE

2.25: 1 MY GODSON (R Lappin) 25-1: 2. 2.75: 2. MY GODSON (R Lagon) 25-1: 2. Broctume Gold 11-2; 3. Sallyoreally 50-1. 18 mar. 7-4 fev Sagatrush Roller (4yrl. 1. hd. U L Eyre), Totas: £27.00; £5.30, £2.70, £25.90. Dual Forecast: £67.40. Computer Straight Forecast: £169.03. This not won (a pool of £339.14 is carried forward to Chester locian).

loday). 2.55: 1. LATVIAN (A Cultume) 10-1; 2. Billoeta 5-2 fav; 3. Socret Service 4-1. 8 rad. 14: 4. (R Alani. Toto: 59.20; £1.60, £1.80, £1.90. Dual Forecast: £38.90. CSF:

£34.66. Tricast: £110.18. 3.25: 1. DESERT LYRK (G Duffeth) 14-1; 2. Medem Zendo 33-1; 3. Pathaze 20-1. 17 mp. 11-2 k favs Mileman Refurb & Forecast. 345, 3. (f Watson). Tota: £20.70; £4.30, £6.00, £7.80, £2.30. Dual Forecast:

E384, 10. CSP: £388.04, Tricast: £4.283.75. Tric: £271.50. 4.00: 1. GENEROSUS (W Ryan) 2-9 fav; 4.00: 1. GENERADOS (W NYAI) 2-9 IN; 2. Candia Saulie 9-2; 3. Bearontree 14-1. 6 ran. 4. 2½. (H Cecili, Tota: £1.10; £1.20, £1.10. Dual Forecas: £1.40, CSF; £2.23, 4.30: 1. LEGEND OF ARAGON (G Dufield) 5-1; 2. Bayford Throat 7-1; 3. High Spi-its 5-1. 12 rest. 5-4 fav Flan For Profit (4th). 2. nk. U Glover). Tota: £4.40; £2.50, £2.70. £3.80. DF: £14.00. CSF: £44.19. Tno:

E3.80. DF: £14,00. CSF: £44.19. Tro: £78.90. 5.00: 1. EUCKY BEA (Dale Gibson) 12-1; 2. Silvendale Knight 6-1; 3. Winston 8-1. 11 ran. 5-4 tev Farmost (5th), nk. nk. (M W Easterby). Todae: £18.30; £3.60, £2.00, £2.80. DF: £40.40, CSF: £90.70. Tricast £601,49. Tno: £48,30. Piscepot: £399,80. Quadpot: £34.80. Place 6: £730.02. Place 5: £101,53.

WARWICK

2.15: 1. NIGHTBIRD (M Hills) 9: 2: 2. Open Credit 8: 15 tax; 3. Third Party 50: 1. 6 ran. 1, 6. (B Hills). Tota: £5.60; £2.30, £1.20. Dual Forecast. £3.60. CSF: £7.27. Non Run-

ner: Vax Star.

2.45c 1. MAWINGO (6 Megan) 11-2 far.

2. Sylva Paradise 16-1; 3. Ed's Folly 14-1. 15 ras. 14. 14. (6 Wrage). Total £6.30: £2.50, £5.90. £4.30. 0F: £83.90. 65F. £82.90. Fincast: £1.110.33, Thoi £766.90. Non Runner: Victim of Love. 3.15: 1. HARVEY WHITE (S Galard) 8-1;

2. Beautonort 5-1 jt far; 3. Hand of Strain 7-1; 4. Koathery 13-2, 19 ran. 5-1 jt far Mytonizine (5th). 14, 14, 1 J. U Pearce). Tota: £6.70; £1.20, £1.50, £1.90, £2.20. Dusi Forecast: £13,80. CSF: £46,00. Tricast: £274,31. Trio: £36,30. Non Runner: Sun Cr-

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3. 45: 1. TRITARA (M Hale) 5-2 ft lav. 2.
Upri 9-2: 3. Miller am 5-2 ft lav. 8 ran. 1½.
1½. 18 Hales. Tobe: £2.70; £1.10; £1.30.
£1.60. DF: £5.20. CSF: £13.91. Tricast
£28.03.
4.15: 1. ROCKCRACKER (P Boornfeth) 101: 2. Deshirer Danmar 4-1 ft for 3. Miller

1; 2. Deshing Damoer 4-1 (t fax; 3. Miles 10-1. 18 ran. 4-1 (t fax Speciv Classo: 1¼ hd. (G Margarson). Tote: £13.70; £3.80. £2.10, £3.50. DF: £56.30. CSF: £49.34. Mter a stewards' inquiry, the result stood. Trio: £274.40 (part wan, pool of £34,78 to 4.10

Chester pdays, 4.48: 1. E. PENITENTE (D R McCabe) 7-4 lav; 2. Kesmari 10-1; 2. Oed Denoer 12-1. 18 ran. 4, rk. (D Loder), Tokes 52-60: £1.10, £5.30, £3.40, DF: £27,40, CSF; £22.18. The: £193.80 than won, pool of £150.19 carried forward to Chester 4.10 to-

£150.19 carted forward to Chester 4.10 to-day).

\$.15: 1. RUSKY ROMED (I Field 16-1: 2. Runic Symbol 16-1: 3. Loguerd Express 20-1: 4. Zaisras 8-1. 21 ress. 4-1 for Lockhoust. 14-1, 19. (G Brassey), 70te: £13.40; £4.90, £4.10, £8.30, £1.80. DF: £157.40. CSF: £210.05, Threast: £3,519.21. Tho: not wonload of £358.73 carried forward to Chest g. 4.10 today). Cuerone (15-2) was withdray, not under orders; Ruic 4 applies to all bota deduct 10p on the pound.

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Place 6: £33.55. Place 5: £25.06.

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Racing **GREG WOOD**

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Historians may point to their ley Mile is all that need be said roads, elegant mosaics and central-heating systems, but most racing followers can suggest another example of the intelligence of the Romans. Two tigious or profitable of the Flat thousand years ago, the invaders clearly appreciated the potential of Chester's Roodeye

tender for the most enjoyable.

Nor will there be any shortto be the site of Britain's most attractive Flat racecourse, and once again we have reached that Vase a case in point. Its role as week in May when most of us a serious Derby trial is open to give thanks for their foresight. question - since Shergar in Not everyone likes Chester. 1981, no horse has completed of course. There are those who believe that its tight, almost cir- but several of its winners have cular shape puts too many hors-

joy watching racing on the bleak expanse of Newmarket's Rowabout the anti-Roodeye pointof-view. Smart racegoers know that while Chester's May meeting may not be the most presseason, it is definitely a con-

age of useful animals on show this week, with today's Chester the Chester-Epsom double gone on to other Group One es at a disadvantage, such as successes, including Luso, who those who are drawn on the out-side in double-figure fields. Toulon, Old Vic, Law Society

Fame in the Vase six years ago.

That memory will be particularly strong this afternoon, nessed it. when Air Quest, Quest For justify the run in the ante-post market which has seen him backed down to 14-1 for the Derby. That is desperately short for a colt who has just one pre-

yesterday defended Frankie

Dettori, who received an eight-day ban for his use of the whip

on Mark Of Esteem in winning

Saturday's 2,000 Guineas.

the same people who truly en- sequent Derby winner Quest For pression his five-length defeat of Set Adrift in a Newbury maiden made on those who wit-

> An impression, though, is Fame's full brother, sets out to also what Air Quest's hooves were making in the turf that day, and there must be some doubt whether Roger Charlton's colt, who has a very rounded action, will be equally at home on tovious outing to his credit, but day's surface which is expected Classic on the unfavourable

> > Esteem and he ate up after-

wards. He came out of the race

looking a million dollars and ran

for the whip. If he hadn't hit him

Dettori will miss York's

he wouldn't have won."

For certain, it is not worth chancing at a short price, and ST MAWES (nap 3.10) is an apnealing alternative. John Dunlop's colt showed considerable improvement to finish second to Storm Trooper in the Feilden Stakes, and although the latter did nothing to frank the form in the 2,000 Guineas on Saturday, he raced throughout the

Dettori defended over whipping Godolphin's Simon Crisford were no weal marks on Mark Of den, his main employer, said: "The whip instructions were

drawn up with the best intentions but are flawed. When it comes to a big race a jockey has thing but a lightnir to go for it. Frankie is an artist. can spell disaster. He flicks his whip, he doesn't beat horses."

demonstrate this afternoon that both he and Storm Trooper will be significant forces among this year's Classic generation. As ever, Peter Chapple-Hyam and Barry Hills, Robert

Sangster's principal trainers, will have prepared a few runners for this meeting, and Sangster should enjoy a double in the first two races. Neither Carmine Lake or Legal Right will be at an attractive orice, however, and punters looking for value would do better to wait for Kazimlera (next best 3.40) and Pride Of Brixton (4.40). Both are in good form and have the ideal Chester draw, close to the rail but not against it, where anything but a lightning-fast start

Chapple-Hyam made a win-ning start to Chester week ves-

terday when Camporese, an Oaks entry, ran out the ninelength winner of Haydock's maiden. A trip to Epsom is now

exiled former bookmaker Michael Tabor, unleashed an-RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: School Boy

(Chester 3.40)

NB: St Mawes (Chester 3.10) other useful prospect at Kemp ton in Dr Massini, a Sadler's Wells colt who holds the Derby entry. The horses attracting ante-post money for Epsom, though, were Saturday's winner

Dushyantor and King Alex, a stablemate of Air Quest in

Roger Charlton's yard.

a distinct possibility. Camporese's owner, the tax-

Supported from 6-1 to 5-2 favourite of Leibester 10 days ago, HilliGWITY duly justified the confidence, leading fully half a mile out and staying on strongly in diffical Surret Wells a length and threequaters in a field of 17. Ben Harbury's cort, help to progress further, can make his first appearance in heridical company a writing one despite being laced with several dangers. Not the least of them is Hardy Dender, who was runner up to Ball Gowin of Newmerket on Saturday other a tried of 17 to Hazard 4 Guess in the Resetter) at temption, while Golden Touch contast here in great form, having completed a hat tind, at Newmarket and again has the assistance of Willie Carson, who was to hourd from Resetter) at temption, and from his had draw when a surying on third of 24 in the Lincoln and his deapprinting 17th in the Resettery Handicalp is best agrared as he found a too if rouble in maning. Traffica has won his last two racts, both at Southwell in February, and runs off in pound lower mark than on his most recent run.

4.40 PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3YO 5f Penalty Value £7,304

- 10 declared -Liminum weight: 7st 10th. True nandcap weights: Secret voucher ist 9th, Pleasure Time ist 7th. Don't

Adminum weight: 75 10th. The restance Prophets. 5-1 Tadee, 6-1 Night Parade, 8-1 Polly Go-let Thee: 5-2 Pide Of Briston, 4-1 Eastern Prophets. 5-1 Tadee, 6-1 Night Parade, 8-1 Polly Go-letity, Pleastre Time, Secret Vouther, 10-1 Danie Flyer, 12-1 others 1995: Total Stronger 3 B 12 W Ryan 5-1 (Mrs. 1-Pegod) 8 no FORM GUIDE

With this good early pace and a taxourable low draw, PRIDE OF BROTTON can lead and stay in front until the line. Geoff Lewis's colt was placed in both his starts as a two-year-old and finished third of 14 behind Beldray Park at Folkestone in March on his reappearance. Pride

firmshed third of 14 behind Beldray Park at Folkestone in March on his reappointnice. Pride Of Braton ran Fond Embrace ta good winner yesterday) to three parts of a length at Nottingham on Easter Monday and was lattle more than a length off the winner although only severation of eight to Angaer at Thirsk, where he made most until inside the linal furlong, Night. Paradle, the only course winner numing here today, must be feared. The Chapple-Hyamushed colt, who gained that course victory a year ago after finishing second on his clour, falled to reach a place in his four subsequent ournigs then but they were all Group Times events – the Norfolk Staless at Royal Ascot, July Stales at Newmarket and the Molecomb at Goodwood. The US-bred was in front at the two-turlong pole in the Newmarket race and he will be cherry ripe for this after finishing seventh of 15 to Solme on his return at Newmarket assist month when he facted alter holding every chance two out. Eastern Prophetis, whi ascored three times and finished second three times last term, ran third at Evry last time and could go well with Pat. Eddery booked, while last month's narrow Warvick winner Secret Voucier, and Tadeo, who won twee and made the farme on eight occasions last term, should

3.40: SCHOOL BOY has Kuzimiera and Le Sport to fear as those higher in the handicap look

4.10: TATIKA made great strides on the all-weather this winter and may have been laid out for this.

2.10 Carmine Lake 2.40 Shantou

HYPERION 3.40 School Boy 4.10 TATIKA (nap) 4.40 Pleasure Time

GOING: Gowl. STALLS: Im 2f - stands side; remains DEAW ADVANTAGE: Int. are scales suc; remainer usage.

DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best.

Left-hand, tight, circular course. Not solable for long-striding horses.

Course is near centre of cky on A548. Cheeter General senion Int. ADMOSSION: County Enclosure £20 (sold out.); Tattersulls £10; Dee Stand £4; Course £2. CAR PARK. £1.

■ LEADING TRADIERS WITH RUNNERS; M Shouke — 18 winners from 64 runners gives a success tatle of 28, 1% and a profit to a 51 level stake of 59.09; R Hannors — 14 winners, 64 runners, 21.2%, ~58.32; J Gooden — (3 winners, 64 runners, 38.3%, +58.73; B HHs — 13 winners, 60 runners, 21.7%, +\$18.67.
■ LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery — 16 winners, 59 rides, 27.1%, -\$5.89; W R Swinburn — 14 winners, 54 rides, 25.9%, +\$10.06; D Holland — 12 winners, 59 rides, 20.3%, +\$20.44; J Carroll — 12 winners, 57 rides, 12.4%, -\$48.38.

+203.44; J Carroll — 12 winners, 97 rules, 12.4w, -340.00.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Nordic Breeze (4.101.

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Golden Touck (4.10) won at Newmarkst on Priday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS; St Maswen (3.10) sent 225 miles by J Dunlop from Armdel.

West Sussex: Bowled Over (2.40) sent 222 miles by C Cyper from Mapleinuss, West Sussex.

2.10 LLY AGNES CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS B) £12,000 added 270 5f Penalty Value £7,418 5 1 CONNETMARA (25) (7) (7) A Halouse C Dayer 8 5 Kralice 2 6 AMY (A E Negoram) C Smith 8 2 A Carlisis 5 A Carlisis 5 A Carlisis 5 BETTING: 4-6 Camaina Lake, 7-2 Connemara, 6-1 Azioc Traveller, 8-1 Foot Battalion, 12-1 Weet Eas

Giri, 25-1 Amy 1995: What Fun 2 8 10 M J Kinane 2-1 (R Hecinon) 7 ran

Jack Berry won this with Lyndseylee (1989). It's Al Academic (1990) and Ludy Perles (1992), while Tino Tere (1991) and Best Rept Secret (1983) both finished numer-up for the Cocherham trainer. Actice Traveller, a son of Timeless Times (a prolific winner as a two-year-old) made all on his Haydock debut over Easter, so will be well at home on this track but the form of that race has not wheth out well and he is up against it have taking on CARMINE LAKE. A 2-1 on chance when having her introduction at the Newmarkst Craven meeting, the flip draw clean away after taking command at the furious pole to defeat Deme Laura two and a half lengths and the runner-up give the form a boost when she went one better at Newmarket last Friday. Carmine Lake looks the one to beat in nist month's Queen Mary. Carmine Lake sn't very big and should go well round these tight benus. By Royal Academy, he is the first foel of Castillan Queen, who is out of Breeders' Cup Mile winner Royal Herome. West Ees Girl and Cosmegaire have also won their single starts to date, at Nothingham and Watretck last month, respectively, while the colt Foot Battallion produced a strong intshing burst to get up by a short-head at Ponteiract. However, Carmine Lake is probably in a different class. made all on his Haydock debut over Easter, so will be well at home on this track but the

"The sentence was very Dettori will miss York's harsh," Cristord said. "There Dante meeting and John Gos-2.40 GROSVENOR MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £12,000 added 370 1m 2f 75yds Penalty Value £8,367

1896: Royal Solo 3 9 0 8 Thomson 7-1 (P Chapple-Hyem) 11 an PORM (GLIDE)

Anahem, Shashou, LEGAL RIGHT and the newcomer Assolect Quest are Derby entries on when here. Anahem has been placed in both starts and will be winning in due course, while Shantous ran trivind in the 20-numer Wood Ditton Stakes behalm Fatasan and yesterday's winner Whitereaster Affair and there is clearly a mace waiting for John Gosden's Allegad colt. However, preference as for Legal Right, who is also by Allegad. He stands at 16-1 but sheed extramely well on his only outing at two in firstshing a two-and-a-half length second of 23 behald stablemase Astor Place — who was favourite — at Newmarket last Sectember. That scale has worked out exceptionally well. He spons the size of Robert Sangstar, whose numers have a fine record at this track over the years and whose Rayel Solo, elso trained by Chapple-Hyam, took this event a year ago.

.[3	3.10	CHESTER VASE (CLASS A) (Group 3) £45,000 added 3YO 1m 4f 66yds Penalty Value £28,710	C4
1	1	ANR ORIEST (128) (K Abdullatin) R Charleon 8 10	_Pet Eddery
2	1-0	CLASSIC STATE (17) (Cause Bloodstock Pt.) S Williams 8 10	
3		HIGH BARDQUE (17) (M Tahor) P Chapole-Hyem 8 10	: النبية السيد.
Ā		PRINCE OF MY HEART (13) (0) (6) Higher 8 Hills 8 10	X Fellon
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This has gone to such as Sherger (1961), Law Society (1985), Unitument (1988), Old Vic (1989), Belmez (1990) and Armiger (1993), while last year winner, Liso, followed up in the Derby Italiano, ARR QUISST can go one better than his fail-brother Quest For Fame, who was besten a langth by Behnez before going on to Derby gon, Not suprisingly, Roger Charton is following a smiller path with Air Quest to Quest For Fame, as both won the same Newbury marken before coming here. The selection was easy to back at the Berkehire track and lost his place five furlings out but his stayed on strongly infer leading approaching the bur-furling pole to beat market leader Set Adrift five lengths. Set Adrift ran poorly when an even-money chance at Selection on Sunday but there were excluses for that and Smart Pay (fifth money chance at Selection) in the Money Interest were excluses for that and Smart Pay (fifth money chance at Selection) in the Money Interest were excluses for that and Smart Pay (fifth money chance at Selection) in the Money Interest were excluses for that and Smart Pay (fifth long poin to best market tealer Set April the lengths, Set April ten poorly when an even-money chance at Salisbury on Sunday but there were excuses for that and Smart Play tiffth at Newbury), obliged at Thisk on Saturday. Air Quest might have most to fear from unibest-en High Barroque – the only of of the seaset not entered for the Derby. The High Estate cold, who represents the Sangater-Chappte-Hyam combine, drifted from 3-1 to 7-1 when making his debut at Nottingham early lest month and from 5-1 to 9-1 at Newbury but won both in good style. And there is probably better still to come. Sassers and St Manes will have come on for their Opening cudings of the season when number-up at the Newmarket Cawer mester he is Shorpes, and to Storm Timponer, menerohybe, as will Clause Eache for his nin in the ing to Sherpes and to Storm Trooper, respectively, as will Clausic Eagle for his run in the Transk Classic Trial, Sasuru was beaten only a nack and Sherpes is well regarded. Also twice

runner-up and once third from three juvenile attempts, Georf Wragg's runner is out of a good winner-producing mane and cerainly deserves to find a race. St Mawet, who with the last of two juvenile starts, stayed on well at Newmentet 190 and, being by dual Derby winner Shahrastian out of a neare by Stip Archor, will be well as home over this distance. Barry Hills, hare by Sap Anchor, well be wer at name over the state one has a tough ably do well here, runs Prince Of My Heart but this one has a tough Setection: AIR QUEST

3	.40	EARL OF CHESTER HANDICAP (CLASS C) £25,000 CA added 3YO 7Y 122yds Penalty Value £18,050
ı	21350	RENOT 0249 SHEH Prince Failed Salment W Janus 9 7
2	1014-0	PREMIOS CA CAG (Mr P B Adams) R Harmon 9 5 Premior Pub Eddary 8
ī		SUMPLICH (12) (D) (Not Secretary R Hourstreet 9 1
i		BLITE PORCE (12) IR E Senesteri P Cheonie-Heart 8 11
5	446254-	MASSAM (231) (Sheliti Manusi Al Malaoum) C Boston 8 11
3	5-43	MENOO HAL BATAL (13) (8F) (Shekh Almed Al Maksoum) M South 8 10
,	3130-22	PROLID MONK (24) (D) OX (Second G), Moore 8 9
	242103	PHARBUACY (216) Bady Jane Yaptani J W Watts 8 8
i	00-22	ALPINE HIDEANIN LAS DAS Mary Bresim B Henbury 8 8
ıΩ	051120	LE SPORT (45) ED (Simple Technology LIX Ltd) A Bailey 8 E
ū	534-	DESERT CAT (196) (Hadi Al-Tair) H (Domson Jones 8.6
ū		NAZZNETRA (19) Grazza Station W Ester B 3 Former (5) 4
ß		SCHOOL BOY (10) (The Allstans Club) T) Haustron 8 1
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13 (CA)-223 School Boy (Life Assas Lobe 1) Regions 1

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HETIBRE 7-2 Bite Force, 5-1 Nearco hall Bath, 6-1 Radmisera, 8-1 Prends Ca., 9-1 Scient Boy, 19-1 Alpha Hidgamey, Deset Cat. Proof Mont, 12-1 Pharmacy, Scattach, 14-1 Le Sport, 18-1 others 1995: Clessoy 3-6 3 W Carson 3-1 (4 Stowe) 12 an

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Green Bopper at at Newborry on the last of two outings last term, he ran than 5 behand-lastif-length second behand Master Boots at Carsonsk. He should progress further and is not

harrity treated on his handicap debut. Wherever my selection finishes, Memoo Hall Batal

should not be far behand, as to was only half a length addit in the Catisnot race, for which

he went off Secourts, and has a marginal advantage, He represents Michael Stoute and Wille

Carson, successful with Classicy in the corresponding race a year ago. School Boy, follow
ing two Wolverhampton seconds in March, book the minor placing against Eben Neas at Leoses
ter. He goes off a 2th higher mark here but is on bottom weight and Jammy Quain takes the

note. Seattach stomed hone by five lengths at Donoster on Lincoln day — Le Sport 10th

of 14 - and, although unplaced at Newmarket behand Sky Dome, was inched out by Cayotta

to Beverley, Jason Weaver is an eye-catching boolong for Reg Hollanshead's number. Alpine

Hiddenway and Proud Mosk, have each finished number-up twice from as many starts the

selection: ELITE FORCE

2	1.10	WALKER SMITH & WAY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 1m 2f 75yds Penaity Value £11,022	
1	0102-00	HOMBOS (17) (D) (C Stracolas) P Cole 4 10 0	
2	2/1020-2	TEN PAST SIX (4) U.S. Kennerley and Mess. J. Half) M. Warre 4 10 0	
3	450-032	HARDY DANCER (5) (Peter L Higson) G L Moore 4 9 13S Whitworth 7	
4	565-30	BARBAROJA (25) Okaquesa de Moragala) Fizicació 5 9 12	
5	14-0005	SECRET ALY (CANO ARE CD) (SE H Voek) C Battern 6 9 8	
6	13230-4	GRAND SELECTION (69) (D) (BF) (M B Handm) M Bell 4 9 6	
7	212120-	CONSTICUOUS (192) (D) (New Jerry Hopkins) 1, 6 Connell 6 9 4	
8	26300-0	TE AMO (29) (Ferray Ltd) R Alentura 4 9 4 T Quies 13	
ġ	040-41	HUGHETY (10) (0) (Abduller All) B Hentury 4 9 1 Stack (3) 4	
10	24104-0	ALDINATER (S) (Shelkin Esse Birn Mucharak) R Harmon 4.90	
11	223220-	NORDIC BREF/E (228) (Malcolm B Jones) A Balley 4 8 13	
		REVERAND THICKNESS (24) (Show Time los Cream) A Bailey 5 8 12	

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40: SHANTOU, from a stable whose runners have improved for an outing this season, did well, though green, when second at Newmarket, with Chabral sixth.

3.10: AIR QUEST kecked very impressive on his debut and has the scope to progress. St Mawes. who is reported to have improved since a second to Storm Trooper lust time, is the danger as Sasu ru's suspect steering will be test-

weighted out of the reekoning.

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JUMP RACING RESULTS

11 (av. 2. Out Randong 4-1; 3. Quimag 12-11 to tam. 8, 7. (Mrss H Knight). Tota: £1.80; £1.30, £1.50, £2.20. Dual Forecast: £2.30. Computer Straight Forecast: £4.44. 2.30: 1. MERLIN'S LAD (Mr.) Culton) 9-4 (av. 2. Hilmonik 7-1; 3. Whon of The Grange 7-2. 10 cam. 1/4, 5. (J. Edwards). Tota: £2.80; £1.30, £2.80, £2.40. 0F: £33.10. CSF: £53.40. A Toract: £53.52.

£19.44. Tricast: £53.52. 3.00: 1. THE MENE CAPTAIN (G Uptori) 5-

2: 2. Forest Feather 7-4 faz: 3. Bessed Oliver 9-1. 8 ran. 20, 10. (S Shewcoo), Totes 53.40; £1.20, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £5.80. CSF: £7.26. 7ncast: £26.61, 3.30: 1. MOAT GARDEN (G Bessley) 4-7 tay. 2. Handson 7-1; 3. Springfield Dancer 8-1. 7 ran. 5, 3½. (I Balting), Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £1.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.40. £1,20, £1,90, DY: £3,80, CSP; £5,40, A00: 1 CHELPOUR MY Reherd White) 5-2 fay; 2. Romeny King 7-2; 3. Dechess OY Tubber 6-1. 8 ran. 1, 5. (V Darinal). Teles: (3.30; £1,50, £1,20, £1,90, DF; £4,90, CSF;

£11.41.
4.30: 1. MENTMORE TOWERS (A Bates)
5-1: 2. Lady Rebects 16-1: 3. Another
Cockett 10-1: 18 ran. 3-1 fav Stormy Passales. No. 15. (Mrs J Pirman). Tota: £6.60; 69(6. Hg, 15, IMrs J Pirman). Tota: £6,60; £2.70, £4.80, £3.20. DF: £165.90. CSF: 5.00: 1. BARRIER EXPRESS (Mr.) Colloby 3-1 fav. 2. Tremelli 12-1; 3. Gregorio 16-1, 17 fan. 1/2, 6. (Mrss H krught). Tota: £4.70; £2.10. £9.10, £4.80, DF; £28.20.

CSF: £18.31. NR: Caringlaid Gale. Placepot: £34.50. Quadpot: £13.80. Place 6: £17.32. Place 5: £13.54.

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£12.40.

3.00: 1. POND HOUSE (D Brigwater) 9-4 Ji-fav, 2. Persiamentarian 9-4 Ji-fav, 3. Roberto 5-2. 6 ran. 10. 10. (M Piper, Total 22.70; £1.60, £1.60, DF; £3.20. CSF: £7.47. NR: Full Of Tricks.
3.30: 1. POLDEN PRIDE (A P McCoy) 6-5 fax: 2. Drumstick 9-4: 3. Master Come-5 tax; 2. Drumstick 9-4; 3. Master Comedy 50-1. 5 ram. 4, 17, (G Balting). Total: £1.90; £1.30, £1.80, DF: £2.30, CSF:

LOO: 1_ PUNCH'S HOTEL (D O Sullivan) 4.00: 1. PURCH'S HOULE TO 43. Miss 6-4; 2. Sanggler's Point 10:11 fax, 3. Miss Planpered 14:1. 4 sac. 7, 14. (R Rove). Total 12:40. DF: C1.50. CSF: C3.25. 4.30: 1. St. DON (R Gade) 50-1; 2. Bon Voyage 9-2: 3. Samella Boy 14-1. 11 ran. 2-1 fav Hamiton Silv (6th). 2: 3. (M. Bent). Tota: £106.00; £16.60; £1.90, £3.60. DF: £1.670.90. CSF: £263.70. NR: Maronetta. Placepot £74.30, Quadpot £18.80. Place & £50.42, Place 5: £39.88,

LUDLOW 2.30: 1 REYOND OUR REACH (T Das-2.50: 1. RETUND OUR REACH () OBS-combet 11-2; 2. Kaltari 2-1 p.fax; 3. Dis-tant Home 12-1. 6 ran. 2-1 p.fax highest Roots. 29; 347. (R Hodgest, Tota: £6.30; £1.90, £1.20, £1.70. OF: £7.30. CSF: £78.24

3.05: 1 FAUSTING IR Furranti 8-11 tav. 2. Americas 33-1; 3. Nescet 3-1. 7 ran. 37±, 5 (P Hobbs) Totals £1.80; £1.30, £3.90. DF: £34.20. CSF; £20.41. 3.35; 1. WARNER'S SPORTS (R Farrard) s.MS: 1. WARNER'S SPORTS (R Fartard)
14-1; 2. Drumoudien 3-1; 3. Call Me Citizon 12-1. 6 can. evens law Poppen (4th), 3.
2½. (P Hogos), Totes: £17-20; £2-60,
£1-10, £2-20, DF-178-90, CSF; £53.79, Tocast. £487.41. SE 1487.41. 4.03: 1. MILLTY IR Durwoodyl 7-4 lav. 2.

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5.20, 52.30, DF: 53.10, CSF: 54.84.

5.05: 1. MIRADOR (S. McNeill) 14-1; 2. Top On Toolsie 4-1; 3. MIRDORMOR (S. 15.0), 51.00, 51.40, 5 Dime (14-1) withdrawn not under ster ders. Rule 4 applies to board prices only, de e 8: £33.67. Place 5: £19.08.

SOUTHWELL 2.30: 1. LOBSTER COTTABE (A Thorroot)
11-2: 2. Rainbow Walk 8-1; 3. Burguish 251, 8 ran. 9-4 fav Hostile Act (4th), 7, 12. (K. Batisy), Tota: £5.40; £1.90, £1.90, £7.80. DF: £46.60, CSF: £42.17, Tricest: £893.66. NR: Bentley Manor. 3.00: 1. SOLOMAN SPRINGS (R Dissis)

3.00: 1. SOLOMAN SPRINGS (R Dwis)
9-2: 2. Decert Milet 25-1; 3. Temple Garth
13-2. 6 ran. 5-4 fay lyne Gold (4th). 5. 11.
[Mis V Ward). Tota: 55-90; £1-90, £5-20.
DF: £135.30. CSF: £63.70.
3.30: 1. TOUGH DEAL (A Thomton) 5-2
[siv: 2. Lady Bizkaney 10-1; 3. See Breaker 10-1. 8 ran. 10, nk. (P Braden). Tota:
£3.60; £1.50, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £15.00.
CSF: £25.04. Tricast: £196.65. NR: Baverd
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88Y. 4.00: 1. GOVERNOR DANIEL (Michael Brennany 7-4 far; 2. Raphael Bodine 4-1; 3. Tales Cover 5-1. 12 ran. 4, ½, ½ 0'Shea). Tota: £3.20. £2.20, £2.70, £2.00. Dr. £4.40.

CSF: £11.76.
4.30: 1 RUDFS PRIDE (N Smith) 10030: 2 Top Felta 11-2; 3. Weather Alert 31 fav. 10 rsn. 6, 5. IS Bell). Tota: 53.60:
£1.70. £2.20. £1.60. DF: £5.50. CSF:
£2.28. NNS: Gelavy Rsn., Watsham Witch.
5.00: 1 TALLYWAGGER (I Calegrary 114 for; 2 Pieto's Republic 7-2; 3. Tim Solder 11-1. 12 rsn. 11/4. 12. (B M Moore).
Tota: £3.10: £1.30. £2.00. £2.80. DF:
£12.40. CSF: £13.13. Thoss: £88.78.
Phacepot: £252.70. Quadpot: £15.10.

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2.20: 1. SWING LICKY O Symme) 121; 2. Masson Dixos 25-1; 3. Logia 6-1, 13rap, 3-1 fav Jobber 7 Fidde, 2, 3. (A Blackmore). Totar £16.60; £3.80, £10.70, £2.50.
DF: £634.60. CSF: £250.99.
2.50: 1. PERSIAN TACTICS (J. Massou).
4; 2. Real Glase evens fav: 3. Massaboutthahouse 5-1.5 ran. 11, 4. (K. Belley). Totar
£2.70; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £2.40. CSF:
£3.93.
3.20: 1. CATS. MIN. (J. Rept. 7-4 for 2)

3.20: 1 CATS RUN U Ryen) 7-4 fex; 2. 2.20: 1. CATS RUN O 1980 1 / 4 mt. 2. Cambo 6-1: 3. Able Player 10-1. 6 mm. Nr. 16. (J Uppon). Tota: £2.20; £1.30. £2.40. DF: £6.00. CSF: £11.38. 3.60: 1. MONUS JAY (J Lawrence) 5-2; 2. Sectorius 11-8 inv. 3. Truss 16-1. 6 mm. Nr. 10. (G Thomer). Tota: £3.90; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.28. Incast: CSF: 20. MSR: Advirbate, Young Affe.

(AC) DF: £2.70. (SF: 20-20. Install (SF) 16.29. NRs: Achibbute. Young Affe. 4.20: 1. BEALI DANDY (AF) Marks) 11-197. 2. Bethydick Bobble 11-4; 3. Tea Cea 8 tor. 2. Bathwick Bobble 11. 4; 3. Ten Geo Key 10-1. 7 ran. 24:, 10. Mass C Saurders. Tota: £2.00; £1.50, £1.90, DF: £3.20, CSF: .54. 4.50: 1. GLENGARRIF GIRL (D Walsh) 8-

11 tay; 2. Summer Namen 25-1; 3. teaconsin 6-1, 6 ran. 2½, 10. [M Pipe]. Tota: £1.80; £1.50, £6.10. 05 £11.50. CSF. £18.03. NR: Imola. Placepot: £18.40. Quadpot: £2.10. Place 6: £22.11. Place 5: £2.57.

Martin Pipe, who has a virtually unassailable lead in the National Hunt trainers' championship, extended his lead yesterday with a treble at Fontwell through Lemon's Mill, Diamond Cut and Pond House, while Glengarrif Girl also won for him at Towcester. Jim Culloty recorded a treble at Exeter, while Kim Bailey was on the mark at Ludlow and Southwell.



DOUGHTER SEC

6,00 Poly Moon 6.30 Ochos Rios 7.00 Hoh Returns 7.30 Ela-Yie-Mou 8.00 Victory Bound 8,30 Swift Maiden

DRAW ADVANTAGE; Low mumbers best on round mile. DRAW ADVANTAGES; LOW HUMOETS best on round nuc.

Logi-hand, pear-shaped course with 1 mile suzaights.

Rececourse is east of town off the A638 (M18 Jcts 3 & 4). Bus

ink from Donnester Central relivey station (served by London, Engla Cross). ADMISSION: Club £14; Grandstand 58; Parally Enclosure £3 (under-16a free all enclosures). CAR PARE: Free. RLINKERED FIRST TIME: Paronomenta (8.30), Absolutely Ab

stone (visored, 6.00).

OS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: In The Money (7.30) won al Wolverbampion on Thursday. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Miswald Dancer (8.30) has been ept 324 miles by Lady Herries from Angmering Park, West Sussex, Classic Services (6.00) son 203 miles by B Palling from Ystradowen, 6.00 CAPRICORN SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £4,000 added 270 5f

421 CONTRAVENE (25) (D) J Bany 6 13. 6 CLASSIC SERVICES (13) 8 Poling 8 421 COPREMENTE (25) (0) 1 Geny 8 13 Center 6
6 CLASSIC SERVICES (13) 8 Paling 8 11 Sprain 1
702 CROWEFUR FLYER (10) 8 Meeten 8 11 M Tabbuti 2
BIMER BERD J Norton 8 11 Deals Glisson 3
SUPER SUBDIST M W Bestarby 8 11 9 Partin (5) 8
TREASSIDE TRUCH A Harrison 8 11 Deals Mickeyw 5
43 ABSOLUTELY ABSTONE (22) P Berts 8 6 J Fortone 7 V um weight: 7st 10th, True handicap weight: Cheerful Groom 7st 5th, Regazzo Gr 13h. BETRNE 6-1 Avessum Ventura, Superpride, 13-2 Octos Ros, 7-1 Darcy Bussel, 15-2 Sycamore Lodge, 9-1 Speciel-K, 10-1 Smazze, 12-1 Kid Cry, 14-1 Almburg, 16-1 others

6.30 BEACHCOMBER HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 7f

7.00 McGREGOR CORY LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £7,000 added 3YO 6f

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7.30 DONCASTER SPONSORSHIP SKY £5.500 added 1m 4f

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1 Green Land, Outstryed Welcome, 8-1 Ring Of Vision, 10-1 others

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NEWTON ABBOT

1.55 Ottown 2.25 Jury 2.55 James The First 3.25 Lady Peta 3.55 Southerly Gale 4.25 Country Store

GOING: Good to Soft (Soft in places).

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ADMISSION: Tattersells SR.60; Silver Ring & Paddock S4. GAR
PARK: On rails \$1,50, remainder free.

BLDKERED PIRST TIME: I'm Toby (4.25), Dr Rocket (visored, 2,55), World Express (visored, 3,25). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Coxwell Stopton (3,25)

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3.25 BEAMISH NOVICE HUROLE (CLASS D) £3,800 added 2m 1f

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Timed, 6-1 Stormy Sunset, 12-1 Levelight, 14-1 others

4.25 COURAGE BEST HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,500 added 3m 3f

Minimum weight: 10ss. True handicap weights: Ballydougen 9st 12th, Baylott Prince Sox 10. Perinant County Set 40.

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Nacha, 8-1 Country Store, Glen Nizage, 18-1 Boe Dee Boy, 12-1 others

WINCANTON

5.45 Ashwell Boy 6.15 Cobswold Castle 6.45 Who Am i 7.15 Still in Business 7.45 General Crack

8.15 Blasket Hero GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places). ■ Right-hand, galloping course. Run-in of 200yd.
■ Right-hand, galloping course. Run-in of 200yd.
■ Course is NS of town on B3081. Templecombe station (service from London, Waterloo) (m. ADMISSION: Members, £12.50 (Junior Members, 17 to 22 years, £0.50); Tatteralls £8; Course (and cars to course) £4. (Under-16s free into all enclosures). CAR PARE: Free.

SIS RUCINE CHUNIEL BLINKERED PIRST TIME: None. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

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57 miles by P Luckin from Tortungton, West, Sussen.

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For Lanch, 20-1 Indian Grown, 25-1 Mays Preservance, 50-1 others.

6.15 FONTHELL NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 5f 247215 FERRERT BUCHWAN (17) (8F) P Natols 6 11 10

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5-1 See Patrick, 8-1 Detryfording, 12-1 Contended Castle, 18-1 others 6.45 PURE NEW WOOL FROM AXMINSTER NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000

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7.45 CHEDINGTON HANDICAP CHASE SKY 110vds

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END OF AN ERA: The RFU's moratorium on professionalism expires today. Steve Bale, Rugby Union Correspondent, considers the implications of the new order while Dai Llewellyn (below) looks at the impact of the change on leading clubs"

So farewell, then, the amateur game

At the Cafe Royal, London today. English club rugby union will symbolically pass into the professional age when the end of the Rugby Football Union's moratorium begins the scramble for the players and the mil-lions of pounds supposedly needed to make a success of the

new dispensation. That Richmond have chosen a venue more readily recognised in sport for its boxing connection for their announcement - perm two or three from Ben Clarke, Scott Quinnell, Mike Catt, Abdel Benazzi, Laurent Cahannes and a host of others - is not the least of the ironics of the impossibly turbulent situation. That it is Richmond, most recently of the Third Division. who are making it is another. So all of a sudden money, with which rugby union has had an

Clubs who do not have enough money are about to find out the hard way

sponsorships while denying the players these fruits of their labours, talks. Those clubs who do not have enough - quite possibly including some of the giants of the game - are about to find that out the hard way. For an innately conservative sport. this is unalloyed Thatcherism.

Market forces also explain why England's First Division clubs have been pushing so hard in their infinitely tedious dispute with the RFU. Richmond have now made it to the Second Division, which is also where well-heeled Saracens and Newcastle will reside next season, always presuming Saracens really are relegated.

Many First Division clubs even those of the distinction of Bath and Leicester, who contested but gained only a modest return from the £1.2m Pilkington Cup final - do not have the access to corporate finance of their hitherto lesser brethren and therefore, probably commencing with Clarke today, are ripe for cherry-picking. Consequently, they are in effect asking the RFU, which will be reluctant to be emollient as long as Cliff make available the resources to - which may well be never. prevent this happening.



Final fling: Bath and Leicester contested the Pilkington Cup final last Saturday, but the clubs received very little money for their efforts

Whatever transpires, it is an uncomfortable and unchangeable fact that clubs' status and success will no longer rest solely on the many fine but abstract

qualities that have, to take the Bath to 10 cup wins and five league titles in little more than This is not to say loyalty, esprit de corps, reserves of determination, courage, commitment and all the rest of the clichés will

count for nothing. On the contrary, many of us who have admiringly watched Bath during these years of plenty will believe the theory of their imminent which may well be never. may be a matter of profound reBut, prudent though the club
The difference is that merit – between the three whether or professional game of rugby footRoyal portentously reads. On
But it is unavoidable that there gret that rugby union has lost moratorium may have been, the or put another way, playing not they are officially recognised. ball is about precisely that.

are new "values" that will - already do ~ inform players' judgements of where to play. In these professional times that boils down to "security", a cuphemism for responding to the highest bid-der. In Gareth Llewellyn's case this is Harlequins, in brother Glyn's Wasps; and less affluent Neath are the luckless losers.

From today we should forget the familiar trumpery about changing clubs for "a new challenge", another euphemism hung over from the days when rughy league clubs were wont to sign up penurious Welshmen; these lads are moving for the

money, pure and simple.

both its purity and its soul though how pure or soulful it has lately been is a matter of debate but it has gained something else, an unlikely and certainly unusual degree of honesty. Anyway, when a professional commitment is demanded of its participants it is only fair that they earn a pro-

> This was recognised long ago, however surreptitiously, in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, which may explain how contrastingly easy the tran-sition has been there. Believe it or not, it was recognised, too, by the RFU this very season

fessional reward.

when they granted contracts to

England contracts explicitly broke the "seamless" principle - the so-called open game applying to all and to be interpreted by each and every club as they deem appropriate - on which the union has hung its

approach to professionalism. So for Brittle to complain, as he has, that the major clubs' demand for the control of and finance from their own competitions would entail an unravelling of this seamlessness is both contradictory and unsustainable. In the great meritocracy of the Courage Clubs' Championship, it will remain open to the lowest in the land

quired through cash-in-hand rather than any intrinsic quality, and it is undeniable that many in English rugby who will forever be utterly untouched by professionalism cannot stand the thought that anyone might be paid for anything. If nothing else, this year's two RFU special gen-eral meetings in Birmingham showed the depth of this feeling. The problem for the RFU is

results - can henceforth be ac-

that, seamless or otherwise, professionalism divides the game into two, professional and amateur, or three if you add a semiprofessional stratum, though the point is that players and clubs are perfectly capable of moving

have already signed Cardiff's Adrian Davies and Andy Moore. Only last Thursday Wasps were unveiling a Cardiff player of more venerable vintage, Mike Griffiths, But this announcement was a timely demonstration that the nascent professionalism of

They are moving for the money, pure and simple. And who can blame them?

Nor, moreover, is there the

slightest threat in all this to

those who have enjoyed their coarse rugby down the years. The professionalism that Richmond herald today represents

the future, however imperfect.

The idea that the junior clubs are natural bedfellows with

So let us prepare ourselves for

a frenzy of activity, of more clubs

selling themselves (selling out?)

to business backers and a veri-

table paroxysm of transfer activity - though there has been

nothing to stop any of these dur-ing the eight months of the

moratorium. Richmond, indeed,

Richmond is the past.

players - Griffiths will be on a handsome £210,000 over three years - is not necessarily matched by the professionalism

of the administration. How curious that in this respect rugby union can still have so much to learn from its former self, from the old volunteers who would devote themselves unstinningly in a designedly unpaid cause. Wasps, on the other hand, hired a company ("Specialists in Press and Public Relations") to handle the news of Griffiths.

So profound was Complete Golf & Leisure's knowledge of the game that it managed to spell Griffiths' name wrong in gent one has been, and still is. each of four mentions and was nanced and managed, and this is where the RFU under Britthree years too optimistic in his age. Damian Hopley, who has been with the club rather tle has gone so badly awry - in being overconcerned with its

longer, became Damien.
If this is professionalism give me amateurism, because John Gasson, the stalwart but honorary specialist who expertly handled Wasps' press and public relations for more years than he would care to remember, would never have got it wrong "The time has come for a new era in rugby football," Rich-

THE CLUB SCENE: WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT IN THE CHANGING WORLD OF RUGBY UNION

BATH



Aiming to raise £10m over next five years after members voted to turn club into a public limited company with corporate investors. Plans for £10m purposebuilt stadium. Wage bill expected to be around £1.5m for first two years. Expect to have around 12 full-time professionals at start of next season. Struggling to keep top names. Comings and goings: Expect to lose Clarke to Richmond. Moseley want

BRISTOL



Looking to raise £900,000-£1m from share issue to members to help wipe out mortgage of £300,000 on Memorial Ground and £200,000 overdraft. Next season will earn £100,000 per season in rent from Bris-tol Rovers FC (four-year deal with five-year extensior, option). Bristol and West Building Society backing has allowed club to introduce an incentive scheme for players from next season. Wage bill expected to be around £800,000. Comings and go-

ings: Awaiting decision to stay from England scrum-half Kyran Bracken.

GLOUCESTER



SGM expected soon for approval to become limited company. Ambitious plans for £15m purpose-built stadium, incorporating a casino. The new complex

would provide vital revenue. Looking for new main sponsor as Worthington deal ends. Expect wages bill of around £650,000, but only half a dozen players expected to be fulltime. Others will be advised to stay parttime. Ouriers will be actived to stay partitime. Comings and goings: Lining up the
former Bath and England No 8 Dave
Egerton as coach. England lock Richard West
probably moving to Richmond.

HARLEQUINS



Following £1.5m deal with Japanese electronics firm NEC they will now be known as NEC Harlequins of London. Expected to announce major corporate

backer, who will be given shares in club but not a controlling interest for an investment of around £2.5m. Wage bill rumoured to hit the £1.9m mark; Carling is said to have been offered between £300,000 and £500,000 to keep him at club urtil 1999. Comings and goings: Have signed the Wales lock Gareth Llewellyn.

LEICESTER



Looking for wealthy minority shareholders to take a stake in the club, but as yet nothing concrete has been decided. Chief executive Peter Wheeler has

had talks with Irish millionaire Tony O'Reilly. Likely to need at least £2.5m share capital. With the largest membership 14,000 - a decision to increase fees from £48 to £90 will also raise healthy revenue.

NEWCASTLE



First club to go public, with some £3m of Sir John Hall's vast fortune over three years. With the Newcastle United sporting stable to draw on the club is already earning income from merchandis-

ing. Comings and goings: Rob Andrew has spent around £750,000 on quality players and is expected to announce another big name signing shortly, possibly France's precociously talented threequarter Thomas Castaignède. The club will have to service a total wage bill of around £1m as things stand. Whole squad will be full-time.

NORTHAMPTON



Millionaire Keith Barwell made an initial injection of £1m but promised more cash would be made available. A further £400,000 is held on trust on behalf

of the membership. Unlikely to maintain more than half a dozen full-time players. Wage bill around £600,000 to 800,000. Comings and goings: Expected to attract some big name signings, possibly Olivier Rournat and Abdelatti Benazzi.

ORRELL



The proposed ground shar-ing scheme with Wigan has been ditched and instead the club intends to devel-op its existing site at Edge Hall Road, Outline plans include a new all-seater stand and new flood-

lights. There is no talk of going public and for the former All Black would have to be financed by the broadcasting share-out. No thoughts of maintaining a full-time squad.

RICHMOND



Ashley Levett's £2.5m investment is being underwritten by the signing of numerous top drawer players. Looking into plans for new stadium which would

provide additional revenue. If they fail in that, Richmond may ground share with a foot-ball club. Likely to have 12-15 full time pro-fessionals initially. Comings and goings: An announcement that Bath's Ben Clarke has joined them is expected today, along with Scott Quinnell from Wigan. Mike Catt may follow along with Benazzi of France. Adri-an Davies and Andy Moore are there already.

SARACENS Nigel Wray's £2.5m has helped attract Michael Ly-



nagh, Philippe Sella, Ire-land's Eddie Halvey and Wales' Tony Copsey. They launching a share Issue to raise capital, but the club owns everything and would have collateral to raise loans when needed. Comings and goings: Recently signed France Botica, from the rugby league club Castleford, for a rumoured £50,000. The deal for the forester All Black would have to be completed. Likely to have a core of around 10 full-timers and a wage bill of more than £1 m. Comings and goings: of more than £1m. Comings and goings: The talented Diprose, Hill and Chesney certain to stay. More signings are expected.

WASPS

Photograph: Peter Jay

Doubtless the de facto divide

creates many problems for ad-ministrators, but the most ur-

how professionalism is to be fi-

duty of care for the 2,000 clubs

and organisations who make up

the union when it was only the

top few dozen for whom any-

thing in practice had changed.
"The game of rugby football

is not about a few individuals or

a few individual clubs at the top

end of the game," Brittle said

in a television interview. Quite

right too, but alas for Cliff, the



Membership expected to approve plans to raise at least £2.5m on the Alternative Investment Market at an EGM on 28 May. Work begins this summer

Siela co

on the redevelopment of the ground. Expect to have around a dozen full time players at the start and a wage bill in excess of £1m. Comings and goings: Suffered loss of key players when Andrew took Ryan, Bates et al to Newcastle, but the present crop of youngsters, including Laurence Dallagio, pulled things around. Won race for signature of Alex King, and more signings

WEST HARTLEPOOL



Ostensibly the poor relations of the North-east, rel-Division One in a season which saw eight players, in-cluding captain Stimpson

head north to Newcastle and Scotland captain Wainwright return to his motherland. A new 10,000-seater stadium is to be built, courtesy of the local council. Comings and goings: The chairman, Philip Yuill, has sup-plied cash to bring Ring, Moseley and Sil-

I was beginning to feel pleased with having got ahead of Michael at the start when 'twoosh!', a red and white car suddenly came alongside. 'That'll be David,' I thought

nificant because it was the first time this season that the Rothmans Williams-Renault team had not been dominant during qualify-ing. It was clear from the word go that Ferrari was going to provide tough competition and that proved to be the case. It was therefore all the more gratifying to win on Sunday; it had been a very tough test for the entire team and we came

through with flying colours. With Michael Schumacher starting from pole position and likely to give us a difficult time, we had to think long and hard about tactics. It was essential to work effectively as a team while doing our calculations and making plans, and for that rea-son. I'm really pleased that we came out on top. There was a tremendous sense of satisfaction. We had been working towards this over the winter and here was the chance to prove clear that this was actually a very much. At the end of the first lap, I

that the Williams-Renault team has got everything it needs: the best personnel and the right mentality to tackle a race such as this.

We chose the perfect tactic by running a long stint - almost up to half distance - before making the first of two pit stops. The tactic was devised by the team after detailed examination of all our options. I must admit I had my doubts at first. Fifteen minutes before the race was about to start, I was still in the debrief room going through it with Adrian Newcy, the chief designer, to make sure the plan was plausible.

The new strategy obviously posed many pros and cons. On balance it made sense, although I have to say it would have been very easy to bottie out and adopt the familiar tactic of stopping at one-third and then two-thirds distance. But the more I thought about it, the more it became and yet I was loath to drop back too

good plan. I was helped by the fact that the car had been great during the morning warm-up. Although we didn't get it right during qualifying, we had established a good set-up on the car for the race. I was very confident going to the grid.

I was beginning to feel pleased with having got ahead of Michael at the start, when "twoosh!", a red and white car suddenly came alongside. "That'll be David, "I thought. Sure enough, David Coulthard, repeating his great start from the previous Sunday in Germany, went steaming into the lead. I wondered how long he could maintain the lead with so much competition from behind. A more immediate problem con-

cerned my brakes; I had to be care-

ful in the early laps because of the

extra weight of the car due to the

full load of fuel for that long stint,



did not make a very good exit from the last corner. Schumacher, who was running with less fuel on board, was able to challenge going into the next corner. I gave him a bit of clearance to go through, in the knowledge that if I could stick with the Ferrari, then I had to be in with a shout. It

ter the tyres or wear out my brakes. After a few laps I found a good rhythm and began to push harder and harder. I was in communication with the team throughout the entire race; plenty of discussion over the radio as to what was going on and who was where. We knew the critical period would be between Schumacher disappearing into the pits at one-third distance and the subse-

quent 10-lap gap to my first stop.

I had to give it everything and try to eke out an advantage while I had a lighter fuel load. I set the fastest iap of the race, but I had one or two moments when the car nearly got away from me. Although I was very close to the limit, I don't believe I was ever forced to go to the maximum. Imola is a very bumpy track, it is phys-

too much and yet I couldn't drive too so, you get knocked about quite a bit. that we are likely to face stiff com-hard because that would either blis- There are a lot of very fast entries petition from Ferrari for the rest of to extremely tricky sections, which means it is easy to make a mistake.
On top of that, I had taken off quite a bit of wing angle. That meant the car felt very light while

cornering, but it was faster in a straight line. I didn't want to struggle while trying to pass backmarkers as I had to in Germany the previous week, although on one occasion traffic cost me a bit of time, which I could ill afford because I knew it was going to be very, very close when I rejoined after my pit

stop.

The pit stop was perfect and I got out just ahead of the Ferrari, but I had the benefit of new tyres. Our fuel loads were now similar and I knew from my experience in the early laps that I should be able to stay was very difficult to judge the best ically hard on the driver. You have in control. In fact, Schumacher was it five times. I have pace. I couldn't afford to drop back to brace yourself very firmly, but even not that much slower, an indication victory in this race.

petition from Ferrari for the rest of the season. Gradually the gap opened and, later on, luck was on our side when I had a clear track and Michael was held up by the battle between Mika Hakkinen and Pedro

We were brilliant as a team and we did the right thing all the way along the line and my fourth win of the season has put me back on the right course for the championship. I have to admit, however, that the title will not be my prime thought when we go to Monte Carlo in two weeks' time

Monaco stands alone as the greatest test a racing driver can face in his career and the Williams-Renault team has not won there since 1983 with Keke Rosberg. I've never won there, despite the fact my father won it five times. I have my sights set on







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The Euro 96 organising com-

mittee has dug deep to find ex-tra tickets for England's group matches at Wembley, and the 1.000 or so additional seats will be available from this morning.

The decision to set Uefa's perimeter advertising hoardings lower in the ground has opened up the view, and as a result, johnny-come-latelys will not only now be able to get into

the previously "sold out" England encounter with Scotland on 15 June, or the Wembley matches against the Netherlands and Switzerland, but also could find themselves with a front row seat.

Given that from today, supporters can obtain seats for individual quarter and semi-final games without needing to buy tickets for three different group games, all those who paid out for series of tickets two years in advance might feel rather miffed.

The Euro 96 media relations manager, Alec McGivan, confirmed that repositioning advertising boards "means we can discovered by the state of the state release an extra row or two of seats around the stadium. We are only talking about a thousand or so seats for each game."

On the lifting of other pur-chasing restrictions, he said: We always said that in the last few weeks before the tournament any remaining quarter and semi-final tickets available would be sold on a restrictionfree basis. We are not expecting them to last long."

have thought that, following relegation, Georgi Kinkladze's stay at Maine Road would not be lasting much longer.

Georgi has been a breath of fresh air in the English game and you can forget all the sto-ries about him being whisked away to some big-money club," Lee said. "Some of the things he does with the ball take your breath away." So will some of the offers Lee will no doubt Francis Lee, the chairman of have dangled in front of him to First Division football beckons. talks with manager Joe Royle

tempt him to part with the Georgian midfielder.

However, if the club did wish to build up some funds, there are plenty of other candidates for the market-place. The German Uwe Rösler and his striking partner Niall Quinn have not always seemed to see eye-to-eye with City's manager, Alan Ball, and others, like the Republic of Ireland's Alan Kemaghan, Scotland's Gerry Creaney and the German Michael Frontzeck might be on their way out as

Bolton Wanderers, who face the same readjustment, will have to make it without the help of Ian Porterfield, who anexpectedly decided not to continue as assistant to Bolton's manager, Colin Todd. The Scot had been on a short-term contract, but was likely to have been

offered another deal. A new two-year contract is likely to satisfy the Everton goalkeeper Neville Southall, even if he ends up in the reserves. The veteran will have

Southampton are apparently willing to negotiate with any one who wants to invest money in them. The club's director of football, Lawrie McMenemy, thinks a cash injection is needed if the club is to avoid a perennial relegation battle.

Southampton's match receipts are limited by being at the 15,000 capacity Dell, and they are awaiting a decision from the local council on plans to move to a larger stadium.

gets his timing right

Cycling ROBIN NICHOLL

Chris Newton broke the last-day deadlock to win the Thwaites Grand Prix five-day race, his first major road-racing success of 1996 and his last until the

Olympics are over. Newton started the final day of the 345-mile race in the yellow jersey of race leader. He left Blackburn on the 84-mile stage level on time with Joe Bayfield, who had wiped out a 34-second deficit on Newton in Saturday's stages at Accrington.

Less than two miles into yesterday's race, Newton eased the pressure by earning a two-second bonus at an intermediate sprint. He later doubled it at another sprint where the first three carned time deductions from their aggregate race times.

Those four seconds proved enough to beat Bayfield. "I was really nervous," Newton said.
"Usually I am full of banter, but I was quiet on Saturday night I kept going through all the bad points thinking what might go wrong. I just had to go for the bonuses. After that first sprint, our team was feeling positive

again once I had that gap."

Newton, 22, from Middlesbrough, pulled out of a sports science degree course to concentrate on his racing. "It's almost impossible to write a final dissertation and go to the Olympics," he said. Now he turns to the 4,000 metres pursuit, a track discipline which should take him to the Atlanta Games.

Bayfield, too, switches disciplines next week when he joins his Danish team-mates for the mountain bike Tour of Britain. "Until I was 18, I only cycled for fun," Bayfield said. The 23-yearold has tried all facets of racing and was "guesting" for the Gill Airways team in the Thwaites

"I just came for the ride. I was certainly not going for the overlegs when Newton contested the first sprint and I knew then that I had had my chances of over-

all victory."
Chris Lillywhite was ready to raise a glass to his victory in the final stage outside the sponsors' brewery. "I have not been rid-ing so well this year," said the winner of the grand prix in 1989 and 1995, "Hopefully, this is the first of many wins to come."
In an uphill finish, he beat off

Jon Clay, who until Bayfield's emergence had been Newton's chief concern. Behind him, in the seething mass of riders. Newton punched the air in triumph and relief at the end of a harrowing 24 hours.

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of São Paulo players who were sent off during their Brazilian championship game with Aracatuba at the weekend. The club's coach was also shown the red card at half-time for protesting at the dismissal of one of his players.

Eager Offiah fit to face **Bath**

Rugby League

Champions Wigan yesterday showed just how seriously they are taking their historic cross code challenges against Bath by naming their strongest available squad, including Martin Offiah, for tomorrow's first showdown. Offiah, one of Wigan's ex-

ngby union stars, has been out of action for more than a month after breaking a small bone in his back during his side's Super League defeat at St Helens on Good Friday.

But the 29-year-old try-scoring sensation should be fit to face rugby union's double win-ners Bath at Maine Road in the first leg which will be played under League rules.

Offiah is eager to play against Bath, saying: "It's another big stage and a lot of people will be watching, not only from rugby league but also from rugby union as well. There will be a lot of people interested in the outcome of both games."

The Wigan side will also include ex-All Black Va'aiga Tuigamala and former Welsh rugby union international forward Scott Quinnell, who has been strongly linked recently with a permanent return to union with Courage League Second Division Richmond, and an announcement could be made within the next few days.

Shaun Edwards, the Wigan captain, is another relishing the Bath games, and he said: "I feel privileged just to be in-volved in this. There has been 🤼 lot of bigotry in rugby union against rugby league in the past 100 years, whether it's a class thing I don't know. "Certainly, these games can

prove a lot of things. We've got to worry about how good we are on the night, not how good Bath are. If we are at our best, the rest will look after itself. If we don't do well on Wednesday and Bath happen to beat us, we'd never hear the last of it.

Wigan said yesterday that 20,000 tickets had already been sold for tomorrow's game and officials are hoping there could vet be a 32,000 sell-out at Maine Road. All 82 executive boxes have been sold, while all 120 have already gone for the rugby union return at Twickenham on 25 May.

It has been reported that the two games could bring in revenue of £2m. Whatever Wigan do make will be particularly welcome after their failure to get to Wembley this year for the first time since 1987.

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Peters holds

off challenge

from Smith

Reigning champion Russell Peters started the 1996 season as he finished the 1995, beating a

hapless Lawrie Smith, in the opening regatta for the Ultra 30s at Southsea yesterday,

It had been neck and neck between the two over the first six races of the three days, but in the

seventh, with Peters holding a

one-point lead. Smith first ran into spectator traffic at the start

of the seventh and then, with Pe-

ters leading all the way, suffered

gear damage to the pin holding

on the rudder of his yacht, Fron-

tera, and retired from the final race. Peters went on to score an-

other win and he now carries six

points into the second regatta at

Dundee at the end of the month-

closely matched, neither being

lower than second in any race un-

til the last. Even when Peters

made an awful start in the first

race of the day, he was able to

work his way back up to second,

passing former world champion

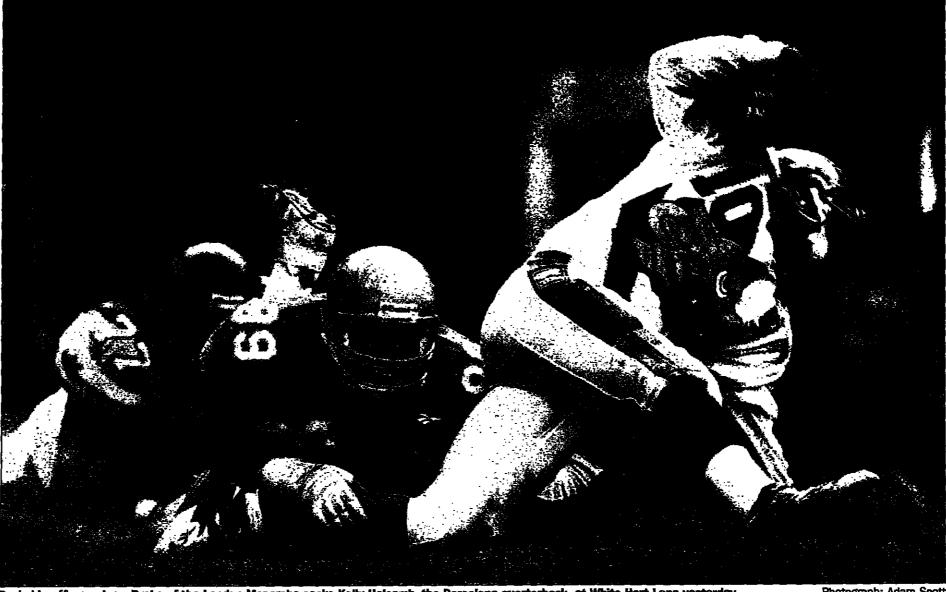
Nigel Buckley, 1988 Olympian

Roger Yeoman, gold medallist

Mike McIntyre and, in a matchrace finale, Eddie Warden Owen.

Peters, in DBS, and Smith are

writes Stuart Alexander.



Sackable offense: Jerry Drake of the London Monarchs sacks Kelly Holcomb, the Barcelona quarterback, at White Hart Lane yesterday

Photograph: Adam Scott

Dragons do the slaying in a comedy of errors 'It was grim stuff, and while the Barcelona responded with failed to convert a field goal fol- last one I couldn't bear to mind when he dropped the ball

NICK HALLING London Monarchs

Barcelona Dragons

The London Monarchs lost their third contest of the season after an ugiy, error-strewn game at White Hart Lane yesterday. They were beaten by the Barcelona Dragons before a crowd of 13,000.

Dragons improved their record to two wins and two defeats, both teams will have to perform much better than this if they are to reach next month's World Bowl.

The Monarchs opened the scoring with less than two minntes remaining in the first half, the quarterback Frank Costa throwing a 51-yard touchdown pass to Tony Vinson in one of the Monarchs' few effective offensive plays of the game.

field goals of 28, 44 and 20 yards from Scott Szeredy, the final one coming with just over a mimute remaining to seal the vis-

Other than that, it was a tale of spluttering offenses and a catalogue of special teams' howlers. It started early, when the Barcelona quarterback Kelly Holcomb threw an interception, the running back Terry Wilburn fumbled and Szeredy

lowing a botched snap.

The Dragons' kicker had an unusual game. The Kansas City Chiefs player also missed a simple 29-yard field goal with five minutes remaining, only to suc-cessfully convert the game win-ner when it mattered. This was just a crazy thing," said Bar-celona's head coach, Jack Bickfield goal I really thought it was

His counterpart, Lionel Taylor, having enjoyed good fortune against the Rhein Fire on his debut last week, saw his luck run ont, London's kicker, Roger Ruzek, failed with a 51-yard kick, but the crucial difference came with the punting unit. Sonny Feexico, who had kicked nell. "When we missed that well, had a punt blocked by Chris Crooms in the first half over, and when Scott took the and perhaps that was on his a tough loss."

late in the game to give Barcelona possession on London's 10-yard line. From there, even Szeredy could not miss.
"Last week we got away with mental mistakes, but this week

they just caught up with us," Taylor said. "Sonny simply mishandled the punt, and that's all it took. I don't suppose it will ever happen again, but it happened today, and that makes it

Biela confirms Audi's superiority with a blistering fightback

Motor racing GWYN DOLPHIN

If evidence was ever needed to prove the dominance of the reigning touring car world champion, Frank Biela and his Audi A4, then the German provided it on the sweeps of Thruxton vesterday.

It was not just his camer to victory in the fifth round of the

Wang Jurxia, Chira's double world record holder, ran the year's fastest women's 5,000 metres at the Chirase Olympic track and field trials yesterday, Jurxia, world record holder at 3,000 and 10,000m, led from the

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British Touring Car Championship, ahead of his team-mate John Bintcliffe, which reinforced the dominance. He impressed the crowd of 20,000 by charging to third place in the sixth round.

That in itself does not seem so impressive, However, Biela had crashed his car in Saturday's qualifying, badly damaging the chassis, and was forced to start from the back of the field.

NEA PLOY-OFFS: Eastern Conference Quar-ter-finith Adente 50 Indiana 87 (Atlanta with best-of-file series 3-2). Seat-finist Chicago 91. New York 84 (Chicago Ingd Dest-of-seven series 1-0).

His cause was helped when a finish, but Biela had his eyes set safety car, called out after Steve Robertson's Ford crashed, bunched up the field on the second lap. But the German need-ed little assistance. From 20th

place on the first lap, he was up to sixth place by halfway through the race and proceeded to reel in the leaders. By that stage, the BMW driver Joschim Winkelhock was leading his team-mate
Roberto Ravagiia to a one-two
Biela used the Audi's s
traction to storm past.

on third place.

That position was occupied by the reigning BTCC champion John Cleland's Vauxhall, who produced the drive of the first race by finishing fourth behind the Audis and the Volvo driver Rickard Rydell. Cleland's Vauxhall held him off until two laps from home, when Biela used the Audi's superior

James Whitham completed a remark-able fightback after beating cancer by winning the fifth round of the British Su-perbike Championship at Outton Park yesterdey. Remarkably, it was Whitnam's

first race since being given the all-clear

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"The key for me were the two out of luck. He spun in the first fast corners at the back of the track. I made up so much time on everybody there," Biela, the championship leader, said.

With his compatriot Winkelhock winning the race, the German duo made it six wins from six races and increased the calls from rival teams for weight to be added to the rear and fourwheel-drive cars. Renault's Alain Menu was circuit at high speed while chas-ing Bintcliffe. Although he was unhurt, his car was out of action for the day. Rydell claimed third place in the fifth round, but a failed gam-

race and then thundered off the

ble with his tyres dropped him to eighth place in the second race, behind Binteliffe who spun when contesting sixth place with Tim Harvey.

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48, 51, 52, 53, 56, 58. Dividend forecast very mood. Claims are inited for 21 and 22 points. Regby Union

Ben Clarke, the England forward, is ex-pected to sign for Richmond today and he could be joined by Wigan rugby league club's Scott Quinnell.

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England's three surviving singles players all suffered third-round defeats at the European Chemptonship in Bratislava yesterday. Chemptonship is bratislava yesterday. Chemptonship is bratislava yesterday. England men's No 1, was unable to over-come the French No 2, Patrick Chila, who won 21-15, 21-18, 10-21, 21-14. Usa Lornas, the England No 1 from Luton, was crushed 21-9, 21-9, 21-13 in the women's competition by Ni Xia Lian, the Chinese player representing Liviem-bourg. And although the English No 2, Andrea Holf from Lancasture, almost the Hungarian eventually em 21-11, 21-14, 23-21 winner.

stretched Christina Toth to a fourth game

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IT WAS THEM, Draw date: 4/5/96. The winning numbers: 6, 25, 26, 33, 34, 47. Bonus number: 49. Total Sales: £79,882,225. Prize Fund: £45,164,250 (45% of ticket sales plus £9,217,249 from last week's rollover jackpot).

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Hendry watches Ebdon tempt fate

GUY HODGSON reports from Sheffield

Ask Stephon Hendry what makes the long, tedious hours on the practice table worthwhile and he will say Steve Davis. He

wants to surpass the previous

great in snooker, he wants that

more than prize money. That is why this Embassy World Championship has an extra significance for the Scot. Win - and at 14-10 up against Peter Ebdon after the third of four sessions he was within four frames of doing so - and he would equal Davis's record of

Which was not how you could describe his snooker. This was Hendry with his concentration at its most patchy, and in a session where he could have steamrollered his opponent he allowed him to take an equal share of the eight frames.

Ebdon says he likes it best when the pressure is strongest and Hendry, at The Crucible, would break the iron in any soul. What he is good at, however, is living off scraps.

"He's a tactical player, Ebdon's semi-final opponent, Ronnie O'Sullivan, said. "He's got a good head on him. He knows you don't necessarily

win, it's the result that matters." When he did get a chance.

Ebdon could not score heavily enough, largely because the adrenalin flow through his veins led him to hit the cue ball a fraction too hard. Frequently he was out of position and he had to endure rather than prosper. It was an exercise in making things difficult for Hendry.

The opening frames yesterday were punctuated with errors, Hendry taking the first with a 61, Ebdon the second with 53. There are only so many chances the champion will miss, howev-

Hendry swooped, opening a 13-7 lead at the session interval. At this point Ebdon could have been buried; instead he clawed his way back into the match. It was slow, but it was effective.

While it would be difficult to argue with the introduction of Hendry as "the greatest player this game has ever produced", there must have been a few raised eyebrows as the master of ceremonies described Ebdon

as "flamboyant and stylish". Exciting he may be when he finally hits the ball, but there are long spells of thought in beterday, he had occupied the table for 58 per cent of the time. In these championships, he has driven spectators to dis-

traction by his repeated calls to have the white ball wiped, while he seems incapable of potting three balls without stopping to sip a glass of water. His mannerisms irk players and may have proved costly in this match.

In retrospect, Ebdon probably felt he missed his chance on the first day of the final. Ahead 3-1 and 4-2, he let things slip in the evening when his extravagant display of excitement after he won the 13th frame – a rau-

- had the effect of geeing up Hendry, rather than himself. Ebdon says his outbursts are a release of tension and not intended to slur opponents, but

he perhaps should have told

Hendry because a malevolence brewed in the champion to an overwhelming degree. He frowns on such displays at the best of times, but in a world final? The effect of the shouting figure brandishing a cue proved to be just the thing to rid Hendry of his sluggishness and he rattled

More pertinently, he did not allow Ebdon a single point. Which all added fuel to the fire of conjecture that says the

off three frames in 30 minutes.

nament in Dubai full years ago, when Ebdon said that Headry, his first-round opponent, would need golf clubs to kill time while waiting for an early flight home. However much Hendry has

played it down since, a rivally has existed and at one point it appeared to affect his performance on the table. At 3-3, Ebdon was one of the few people to have a head-to-head count that was not hopelessly to his disadvan-tage, but in their last four meetings Hendry has prevailed including the final of the UK Championship last December.

Yesterday, there was little to suggest Ebdon would alter the figures in his favour.

Manchester disunited on day after

Dave Hadfield tests the temperature in a city that has just experienced the extremes of footballing fortunes

from the money-making machine that is Manchester United's home ground, they were making great play of the fact that Wembley can be made to rhyme with Endsleigh or even, at a pinch. Grimsby. It was perhaps as well that

United's preparations for the FA Cup final (they trained yesterday) stopped them parading the Premiership trophy through the streets of Manchester. There is such a thing as rubbing salt into wounds and in a city always divided by football, but never polarised to this extent, the wounds are deep.

Coming away from Maine Road on Sunday, after the draw with Liverpool that consigned Manchester City to the First Division a father accompanied

"How's he taken it?" a City fan with a face which told of years of suffering, asked the dad. reply. "He doesn't really understand what's happened." "He will," says Long-Suffer-

ing. "He will." day, despite the lack of any setpiece event upon which to focus

the joy and envy. At Old Trafford, where there

In the Trafford Hotel, 400 yards supporters obeyed the herding instinct, it was business as usual. Which meant booming.

At the United Megastore, one of the army of blazered functionaries who keep the wheels of Man Utd Inc turning, surveyed the crowds. "I thought I'd come and see how business was going, in hetween taking thy tour parties round. It's phenomenal. Not as busy as match days, of course, but phenomenal. For £1.99 punters with accents

flown in from Dublin and Scandinavia could buy a poster of Eric Cantona hoisting the Premiership Trophy, rapidly printed from shots taken at the Riverside Stadium the previous night. Equally quickly produced, but less official, were the Triple Crown T-Shirts on sale from stalls on Sir Matt Busby Way.

Cars cruised past the ground, Cantona tricolors flying from their windows. Even the statue of Sir Matt which now surveys around its right shin. like a plaster-casi.

But didn't the fans feel a little short-changed not to be The contrast in fortunes was able to see their heroes and the there for anyone to see yester- prize the day after it was won? "Nah," said one. "We've got to get the Cup now and parade the two together."

Or, is they sang in the Trafford

VINERS OF SHEFFIELD



Paying homage: Manchester United supporters went to their shrine, Old Trafford, yesterday, to bask in the glory of another Premiership title

Three and a half miles away at Maine Road, it seemed that everyone had gone to Grimsby

The Manchester City Social Peering in through the door, I could see a woman having a cup of tea and a fag. She made a sig-nal, as if to say, "That's all there is. There isn't any more". I think she just meant that the bar was closed, but it may have had a wider application.

The shutters on the souvenir shop - the size of two terraced houses and only recently prised back from private ownership -

were firmly down. Business car drove across the cracked tar- City supporters will be able to rehere was most definitely not booming. On the forecourt of the ground there were just three small girls on bikes and a

looking for something to film.
The best he could manage was me reading the Manchester Evening News, which bore the headline "Triumph and Tears". Then, as a final indignity, a

mac, with the occupants shouting "Red Army! Red Army!"

City have been here before.

business. (Only the most senior many who live a bus ride from

call the time when the roles were reversed. At the end of the 1937 season City were champions

They were relegated in 1983, the and United relegated.) Brighton in the Cup final, but their parochial appeal and have United were not the dominating many sympathisers in Greater many sympathisers in Greater presence that they are now. The Manchester's satellite towns. two clubs were, if not quite on Alex Ferguson's team may have a par, demonstrably in the same a worldwide following, but for

Old Trafford United is the dirtiest of dirty words.

At Bolton this season, for instance, the following was sung to the tune of "When the Saints

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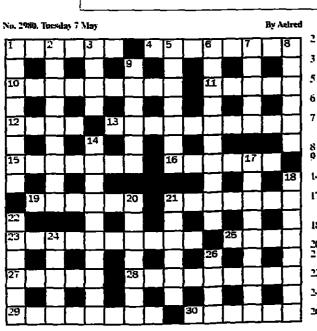
We're staying up with the City And the Reds are going down.

They are resilient at City. "I can't see us losing a match next

have a lot of trips to the seaside a sort - at Old Trafford. "I'm not happy about City going down." said one lad, laden with carrier-bags. "Well, it's six points, isn't it?"

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had been a handful of arrests the night before as thousands of bley. City's going to Grimsby." THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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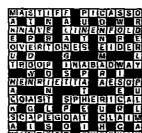
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Lloyd wants home tie

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS

In keeping with the passing of the Empire, gunboat diplo-macy, the stiff upper lip, flan-nels and the spirit of playing a game for its own sake, the Lawn Tennis Association may offer to buy home advantage from Ghana for Britain's second-round Davis Cup tie the weekend after Wimbledon.

The price could be around £25,000, and VTP treatment at the All-England Club championships may be part of the package. Such a move would seem to risk further ridicule from the rest of the world, who never cease to be amazed at how millions of pounds of Wimbledon profits have failed to nurture national winners.

David Lloyd, the Davis Cup captain, appears not to care. His

first-round victory against

LTA makes representations for the tie to be switched from Accra, A win would give Britain a promotion play-off at home, probably against Egypt. "I don't think that's bad

sportsmanship, I don't think that's bad management, I think that's good management,"
Lloyd said. "My job is to make sure we go up this year, and I really believe we've got a great chance next year [of promotion to the World Group]. You only need to have some home matches. If we can do that, it would be terrific.

Lloyd's chief concern about health of his players. "The big something in your pocket."

priority is to capitalise on the worry, obviously, is that the players don't get ill. Half the time you get ill in these places "I'll do everything but cheating," Lloyd said, confirming that he would request that the

ney, too."

Lloyd rejects any suggestion that he might be running scared. "I'm not frightened of playing them away, because we're going to beat them anyway. Our play ers are too good to be in the division they're in. We've got to get out. It's actually worth fortunes to this country to be back in that top group."

And how would Lloyd react

to such a request if he were Ghana's captain? "I don't know what their bank balance is like. If their bank balance is not too good, then I'd think, Yeah, this is a good opportunity. Their job is to put money back into their tennis, and if they don't think playing in Ghana centres on the they can win it's better to get

Patel torments Lancashire

DAVID LLEWELLYN Kent 320 and 66-3 dec Lancashire 47-1 dec and 275 Kent win by 64 runs

Kent have been putting much of last season behind them with a clutch of successes in the Benson and Hedges Cup. Now, thanks to an attack shorn of Dean Headley and Alan Igglesden and a hatful of obligingly rash shots from the Lancashire batsmen, they have made the perfect start to their County Championship campaign.

No little credit must go to Min Patel. It can only be a matter of time before he is slow left-arm bowler has since been overlooked. There is a school of thought which perceives a propensity on Patel's

cricket. But it takes two, and anyway Patel is generally oblig-ed to put his county before his figures. Yesterday, whether bowling

over the wicket or around it, he

contributed to a fascinating day's play against his favourite whipping boys. In his last three matches against Lancashire Patel has helped himself to 26 wickets at the modest cost of 18 or so runs. His 5 for 65 from 28.2 overs only served to emphasise his predilection for being the thorn in Lancashire's side. More importantly for him, one of his wickets was that of the England captain Mike Atherton. A target of 340 in a minimum

of 96 overs had looked remarkably generous, but Kent were given serious consideration by determined to blot out their bot-England. Having gone with the tom of the table finish last A team to India a year ago, the year. Lancashire were looking set to cruise to victory at 190 for to dismiss Neil Fairbrother, who had put on 140 with Atherpart for bowling over the ton, and Nick Speak in a couple wicket, thus producing negative of overs.

Patel had been wheeling away at one end then the other chipping away at the batsmen's patience and prodding them into foolishness. That came in the last over before tea when Warren Hegg gave Patel's first delivery the charge and lost his middle stump. In the same over, after the interval, Ian Austin went for a big hit and holed out at cover.

Then it was Atherton's turn. He had reached 50 in 87 balls and was out some two and a half hours later, having required a further 140 deliveries for his next 48 runs. It was a measure of the caution Patel had induced. As long as Atherton was

there, a Lancashire win was on. Atherton departed to something resembling a swish over mid-wicket, which saw him lose his middle stump to Patel. His 2 when Martin McCague struck fall marked the end for Lancashire, but possibly a beginning for Patel and a great start for

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season," said Long-Suffering.

"And if Blackpool come up we'll



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